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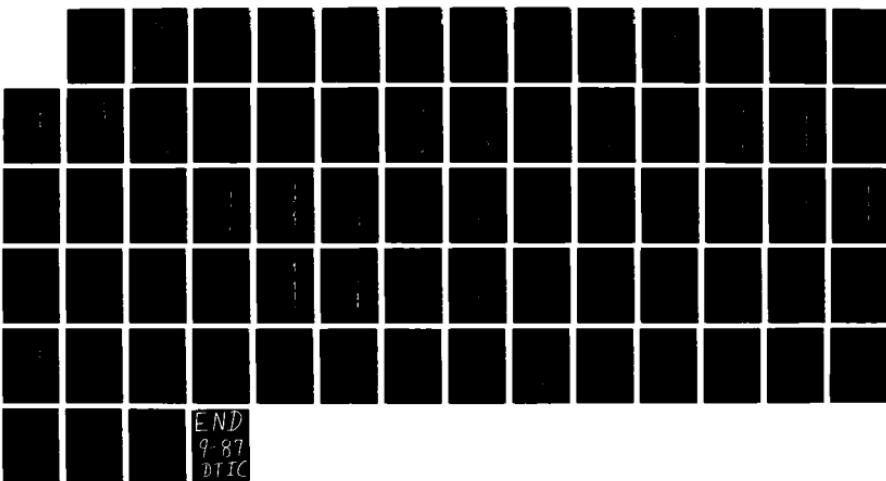
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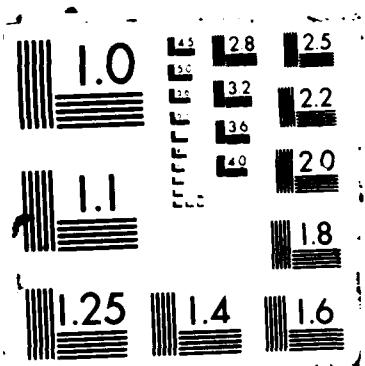
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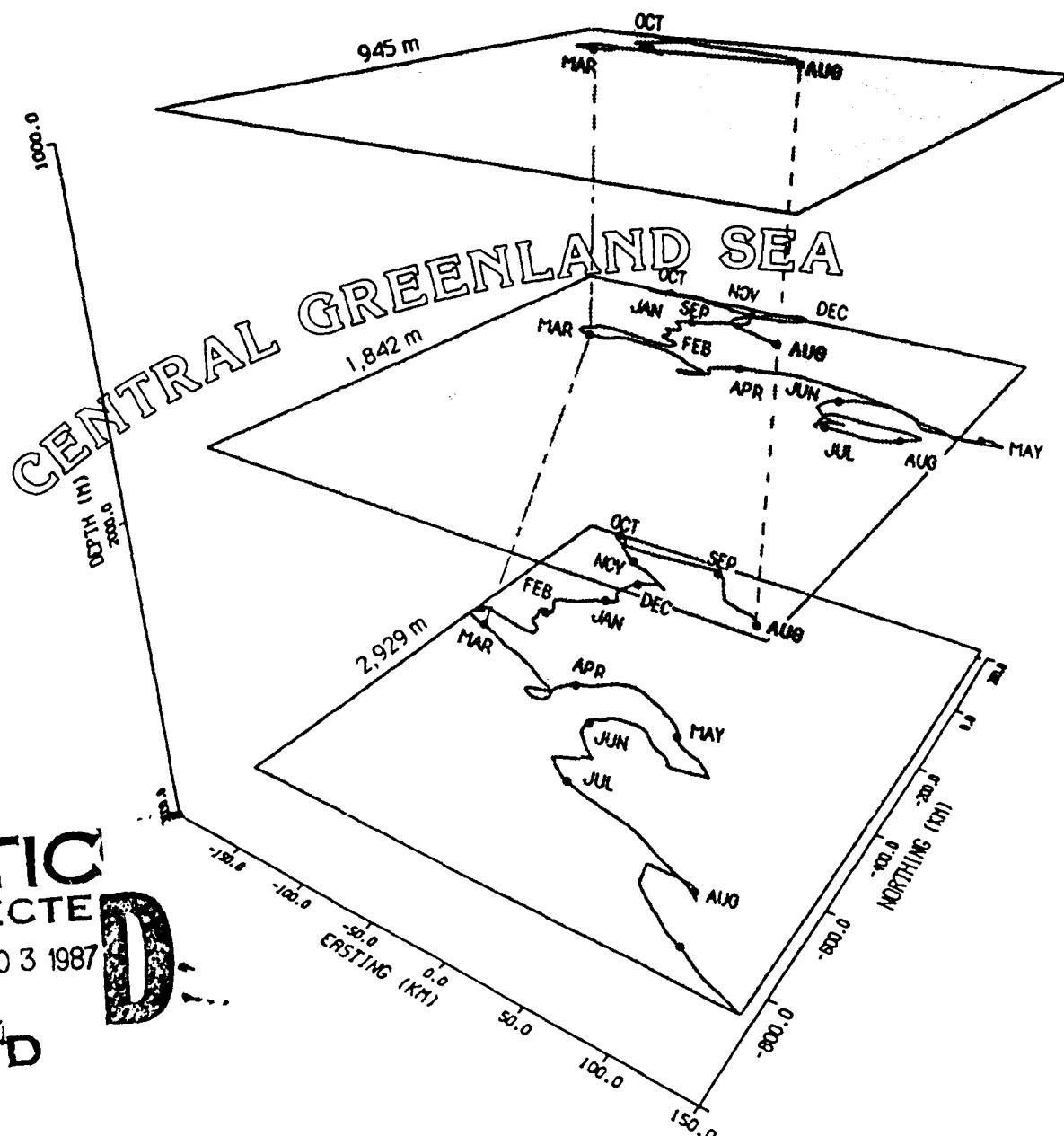
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Abstract:

Records from ten Aanderaa current meters deployed along with 5 current meter/sediment trap mooring arrays in the Fram Strait and Greenland Basin, each deployed for approximately one year between 1983 and 1986, are presented in this data file. Data included are, current vectors, temperatures, frequency spectra, and two- and three-dimensional vector diagrams.

Introduction

Supported by the United States Office of Naval Research, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in cooperation with the University of Kiel and the University of Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany, has conducted basin-wide sedimentological research in the Nordic Sea since the summer of 1983. One of the major field programs was the deployment of 16 moorings with sediment traps and current meters for a period of about one year throughout the basin between 1983 and 1988. As the first step in the program, we deployed 6 year-round moorings between August, 1983 and August, 1986 in the Fram Strait and Norwegian Basin (Fig. 1). In the second phase of the study, sediment trap and current meter deployments will continue around Iceland and coastal Greenland in cooperation with the Marine Research Institute, Reykjavik (refer to Fig. 1 and Table 1).

On five of the mooring arrays deployed in the northern Nordic Seas, Aanderaa current meters with thermister chains were attached. At least one of the current meters on an array was positioned close to the sediment trap - usually 50 or 100 meters below the trap. Information on the design of the mooring arrays deployed in the Nordic Seas experiment will be published elsewhere in this data series. Of the 11 current meters deployed in this area, two meters (the only current meter on the BI-1 station, off Bear Island-Storfjord, and one of three deployed at the shallower depth at GB-1 station, Greenland Basin during 1985-1986) failed to record data. At the Lofoten Basin Station (LB-1) 2 current meters were deployed at 2,650 m and 2,975 m. Although both current meters worked, the record from only the shallower instrument is included in this data file.

All other current meters functioned for about one year or a slightly shorter period, and the data greatly contributed to an understanding of the relationship between current and mass fluxes of ocean particles in this area. In this data file are presented current vectors, vector components, vector average diagrams and temperature records. Also, the east and north components of frequency auto-spectrum and frequency rotary spectrum were computed and attached. We follow the style taken by "Fram Strait Current Measurements, 1984-1985" by Aagaard et al., 1985, 85 pp., published in Bergen, Norway, to compile this data file.

Technical note

For spectrum calculations, each data series was divided into roughly 5 pieces, each about 2-1/2 months long (2048 hourly points, 512 4-hourly points). Means were removed from each piece separately, and they were pre-whitened. Pre-whitening is using first differences, in the time domain, to reduce the low-frequency components of a series. On plotting, the spectra were averaged in increasingly large groups at the high frequencies to reduce superfluous points. They also were "re-colored" to restore the low-frequency information. The confidence levels indicate how closely the spectral estimates match the true variance. The rotary spectra represent the circular decomposition of a 2-dimensional vector series into clockwise (here, negative) and counterclockwise (positive) harmonic components. Unfortunately, only 4-hourly data was available for LB-1. All other spectra are on hourly data.

Acknowledgments

The Nordic Sea is one of the most difficult ocean areas for oceanographic logistics. We have received a great deal of help and good will from international colleagues in pursuing this project. In particular, Dr. Jörn Thiede, Chief Scientist of the 1984 and 1985 legs, rendered us every possible opportunity to make this experiment successful on board R/V Polarstern, Alfred Wegener Institution for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven. In memory of the first recovery cruise in 1984 on board R/V Polarstern, a track chart of Arktis II, leg 4 is included in this data file as Fig. 2. We also thank R/V Meteor (old) and the Deutsche Hydrographische Institute, Hamburg, which supported us during a difficult mission to recover a malfunctioned mooring and to deploy a large array in the Greenland Sea during 1985. Dr. Jens Meike made recovery of the FS-1 mooring possible through his care and competence as Chief Scientist of R/V Valdivia during the summer of 1985.

Dr. Vernon Asper, University of Southern Mississippi, Steven Manganini and Dorinda Ostermann, WHOI, contributed to the preparations and deployment of arrays in this difficult ocean. Their dedication and imagination made this program take off. Peter Clay and Thomas Crook provided vital assistance in recovering a stranded GB-1 mooring in the summer of 1985 on board R/V Meteor (old).

Without the encouragement and funding support from the Office of Naval Research, this basin-wide sedimentation study would never have been started. We sincerely thank Dr. G. Leonard Johnson for his insight and commitment to this project.

Table 1.

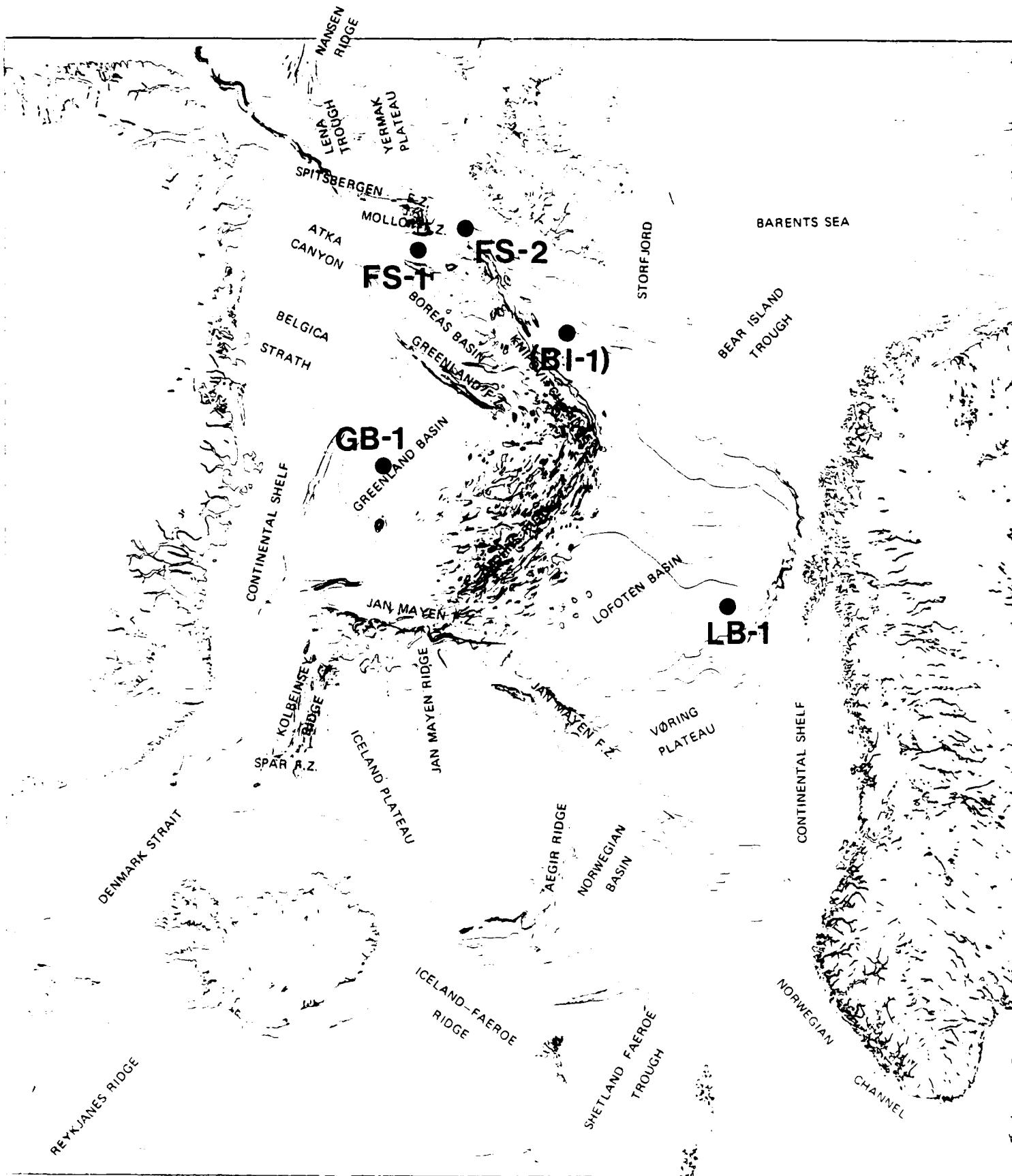
MOORINGS IN THE GREENLAND BASIN/NORVEGIAN SEA, 1983-1986.

No.	Year	ID No.	Location	Latitude/ Longitude	Water depth (m)	Mooring height (m)	No. 501b spheres	Trap type and number/mooring (off floor)	Trap depth, m	Cups/ duration Instrs. days/hrs	Extra Instrs.	Deploy/ Recov:	Ship: dep/rec
1	1983	LB-1	Lofoten Basin	69°30'.11'N 10°00'.02'E	3,161	432	25	Mark 5 (1)	2,761 (400)	12/ 30:0	2 CM 2 DEP	8/11/83 8/15/84	Pstern/ Pstern
			Same mooring moved north as BI-1 in 1984.										
2	1983	GB-1	Greenland Basin	74°32'.31'N 06°39'.82'W	3,417	2,008	34	Mark 5 (2)	2,817 (600) 1,452	12/ 30:0	2 CM 3 DEP	8/1/83 7/30/85	Pstern/ Meteor
			Recovery delayed 1 year due to release battery problem.					Successfully recovered in 1985. (1965)					
3	1984	BI-1	West of Storfjord	75°51'.35'N 11°28'.01'E	2,123	473	25	Mark 5 (1)	1,700 (418)	12/ 30:4	1 CM 2 DEP	8/12/84 8/17/85	Pstern/ Pstern
			Last cup closed 4:00: 8/10/85. To be moved to LB-2 in '85 w/Kiel release.										
4	1984	FS-1	Central Fram Str.	78°51'.9'N 01°22'.0'E	2,527	2,079	15	Mark 6 (1)	2,442 (381)	13/ 27:5	1 CM 1 TMM 2 DEP	8/20/84 7/30/85	Pstern/ Meteor
			#13 closed 0900: 7/19/85. Transmissometer worked all year long. Redeployed in FS-2 location; app. 50 miles east.										
7	1985	GB-2	Greenland Basin	74°35'N 06°43'W	3,445	2,008	34	Mark 5 (2)	2,823 (622) 881 (2564)	25/ 14:0	None	8/02/85 8/23/86	Meteor Valdivia
			All equipment worked.										
8	1985	FS-2	Central Fram Str.	79°00'N 04°55'.0'E	2,430	1,862	32	Mark 6 (2)	1,929 (501) 1,000 (1,500)	13/ 27:0	1 CM 1 TMM	7/29/85 8/17/86	Pstern Valdivia
			Only 5 cups worked. Transmissometer flooded. Current record OK.										

ID No.: ONR/MHOI mooring identification number
 Ship, deployment and recovery:
 Pstern: R/V Polarstern, Bremerhaven
 Meteor: R/V Meteor, Hamburg
 Valdivia: R/V. Valdivia, Hamburg

CM: Current meter
 TMM: Transmissometer
 DEP: Dissolution experiment package

Figure 1. Distribution of sediment trap/current meter moorings.



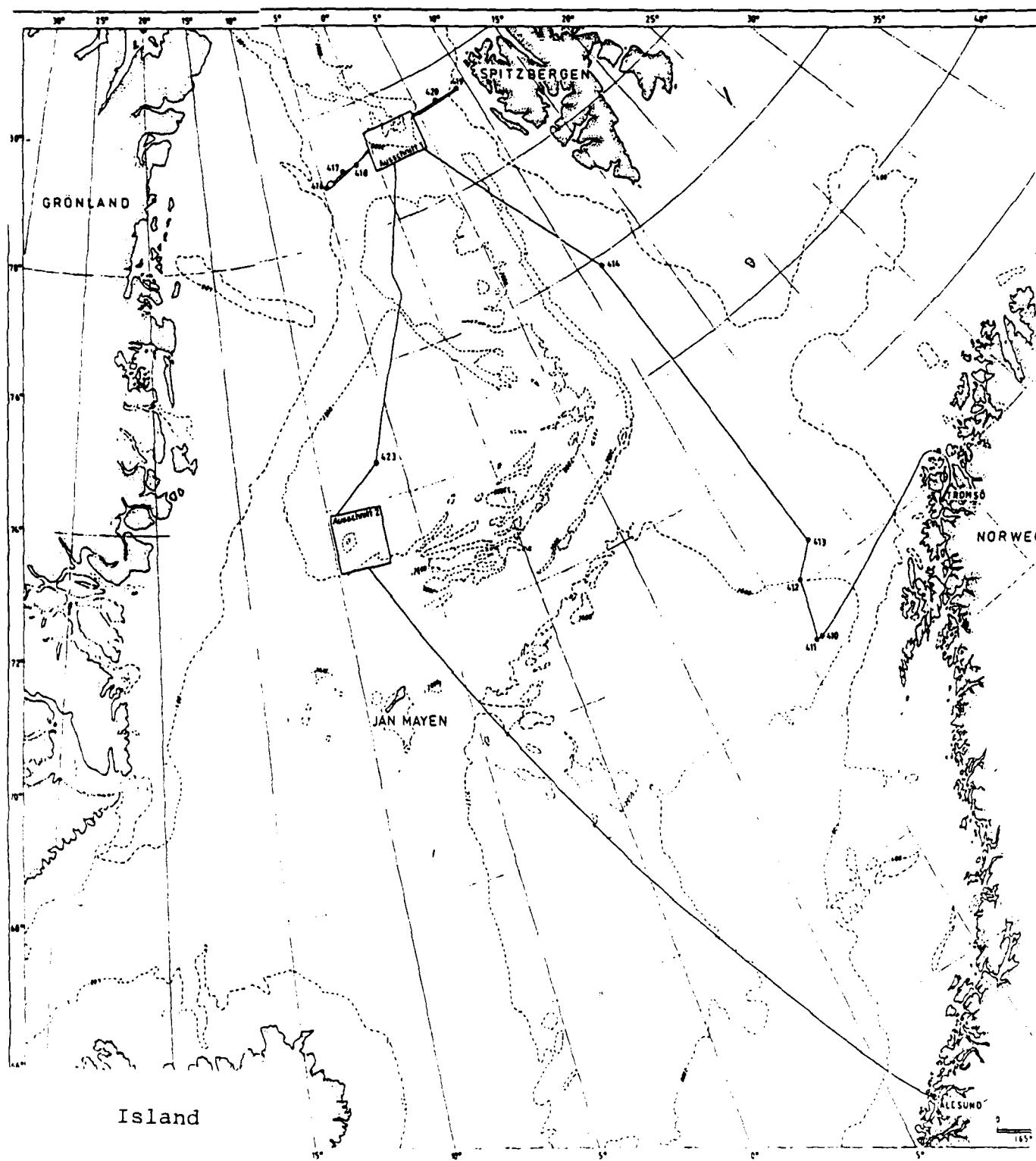


Figure 2. Cruise track of R/V Polarstern, Bremerhaven, from Tromsö to Ålesund, Norway, August 8 to 26, 1984.

1983 - 1984

DATA

Lofoten Basin

Greenland Basin

Current Meter 713

Lofoten Basin

August 11, 1983 - August 15, 1984

60° 30'N

10° 00'E

2,650 meters

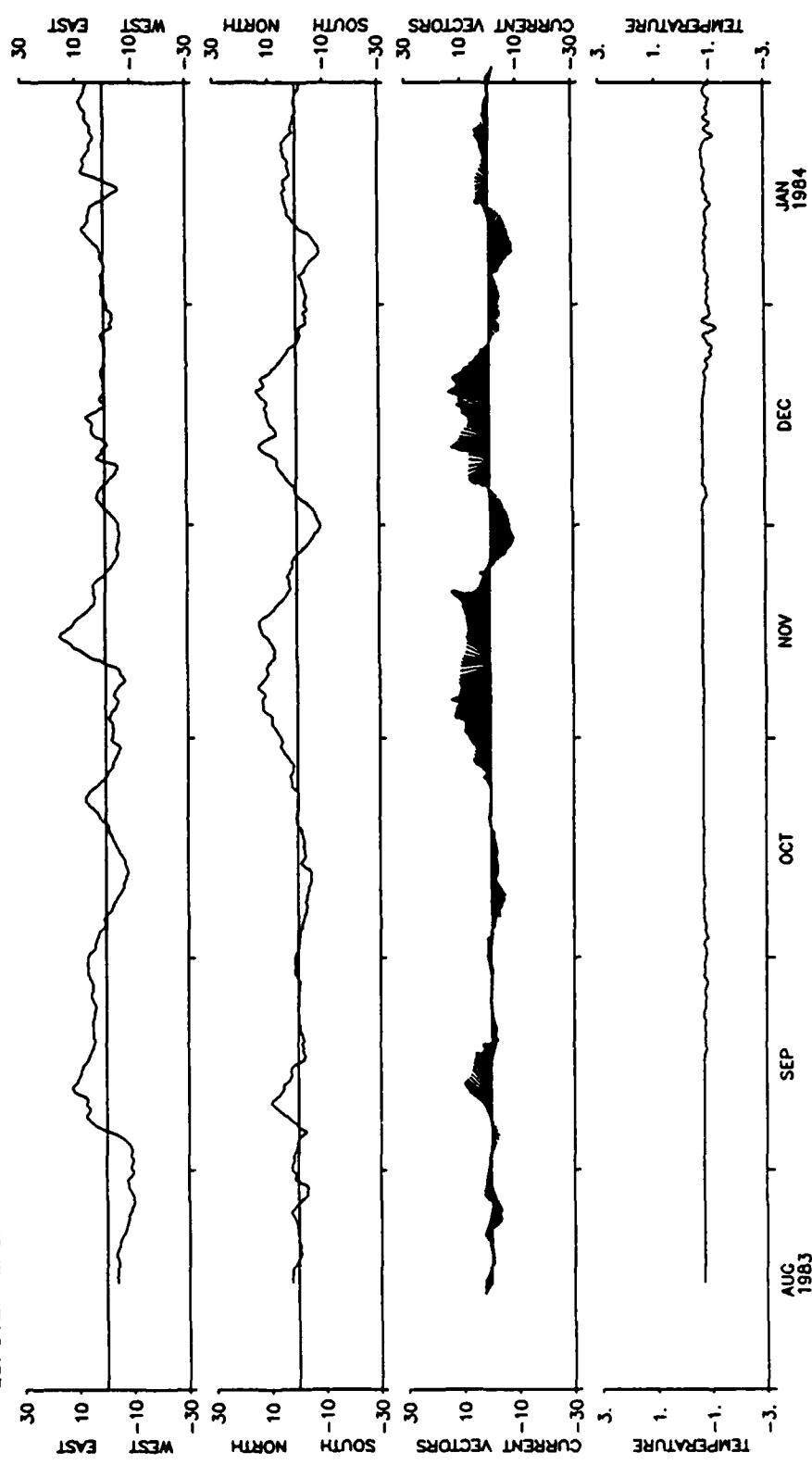
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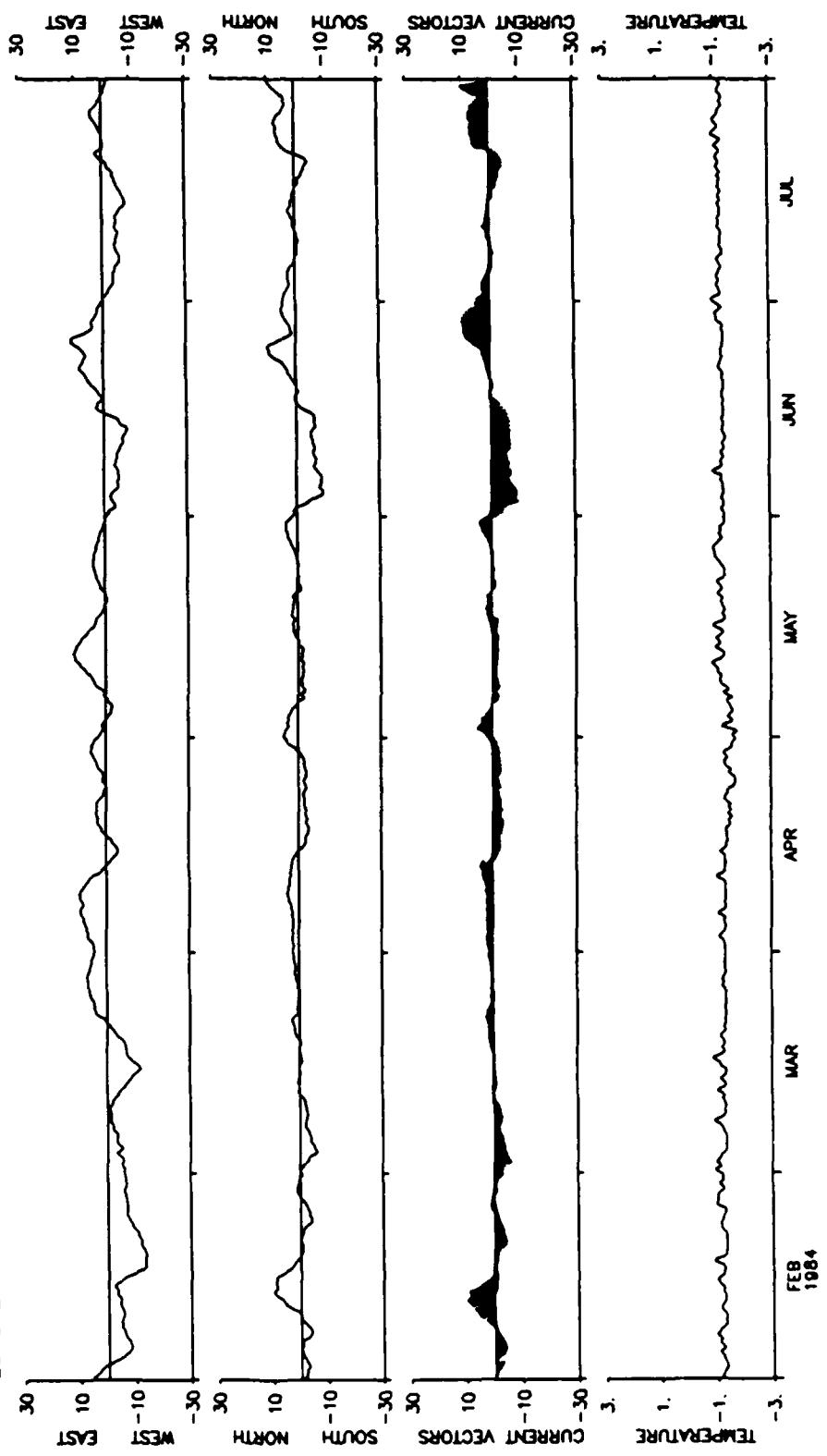
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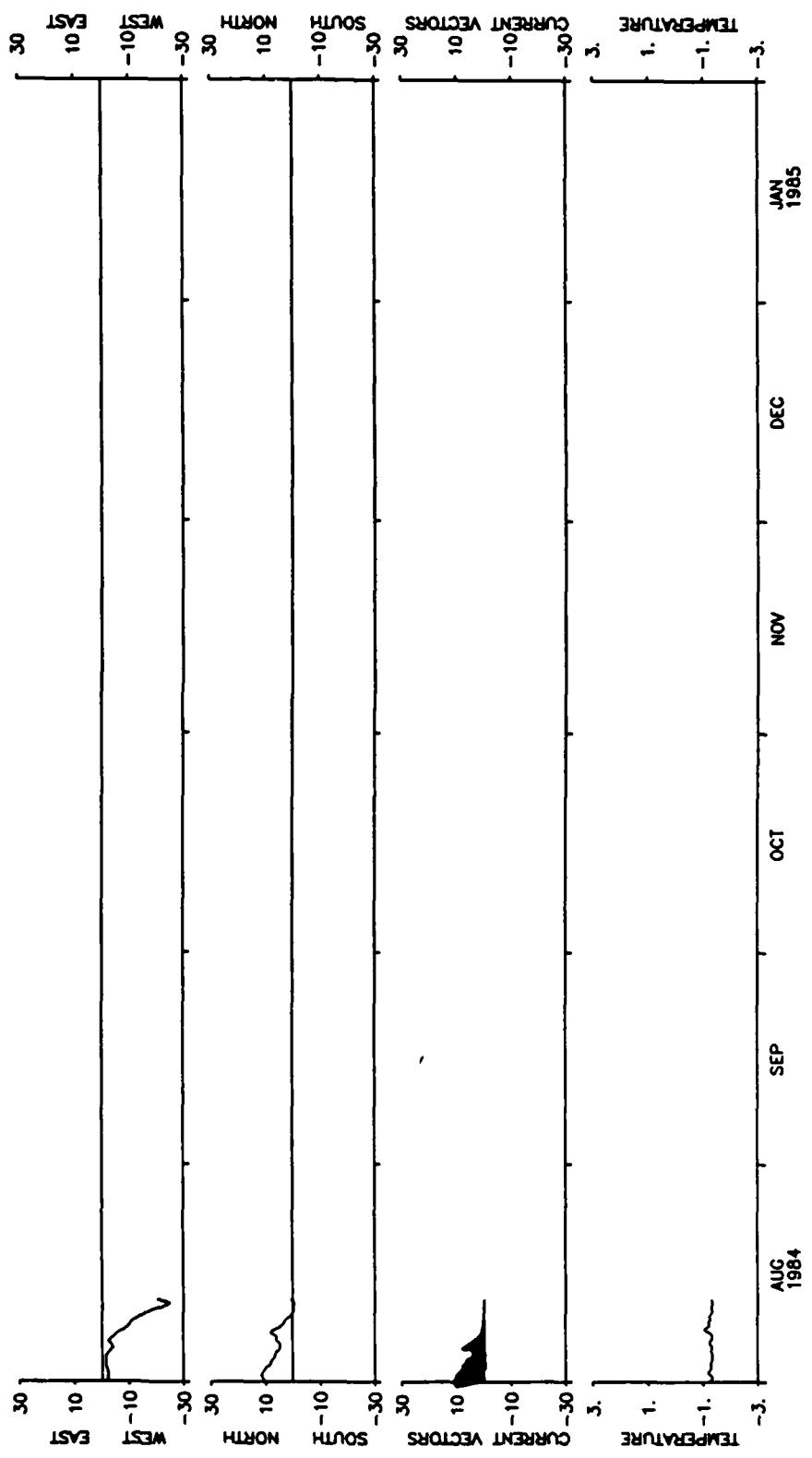
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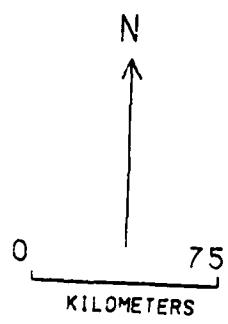


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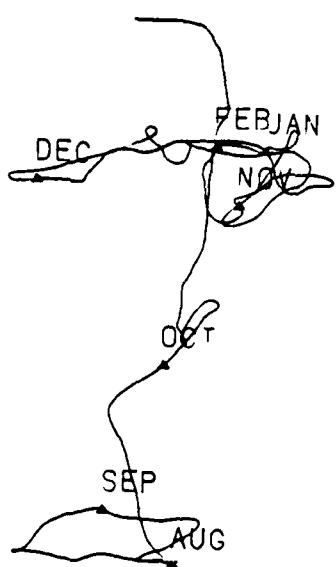
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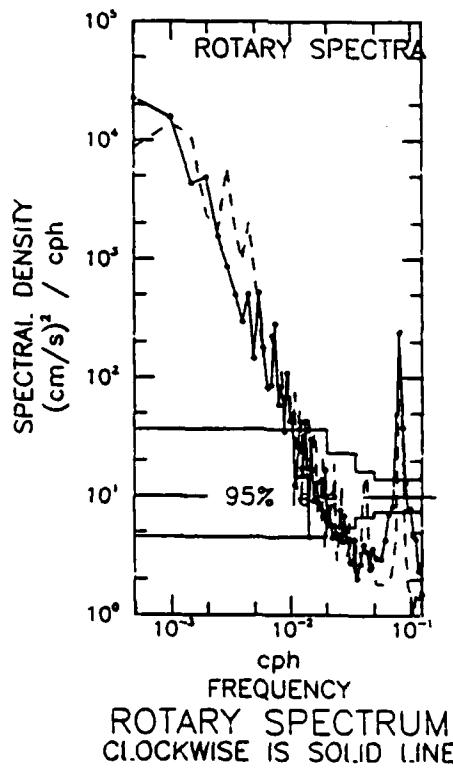
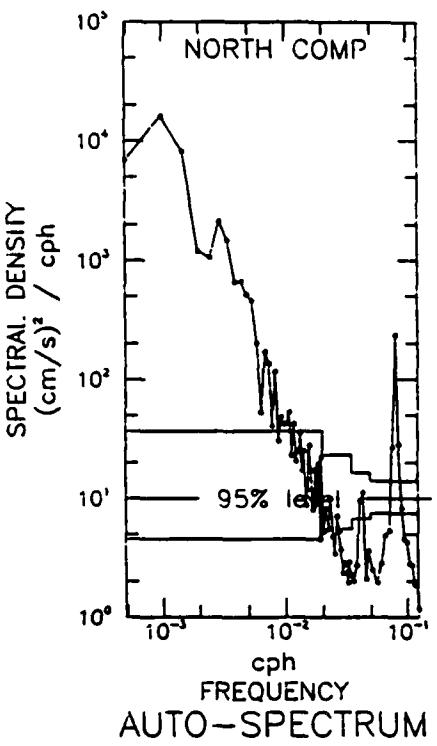
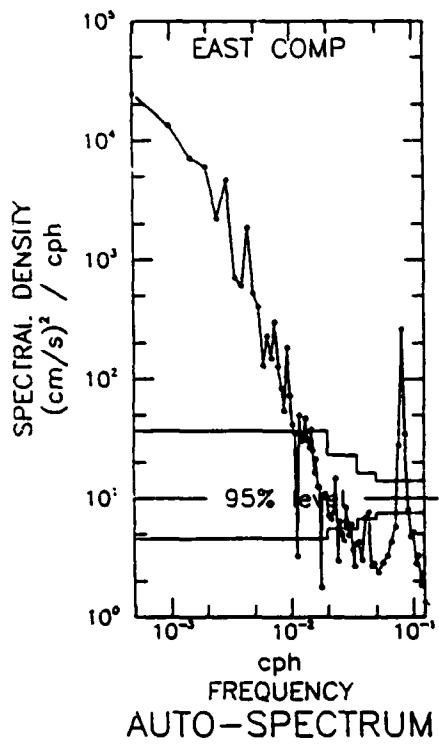




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LB-1, 2,650 m





713
83-84

Current Meter 1484

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1983 - March 12, 1984

74° 32'N

06° 40'W

945 meters

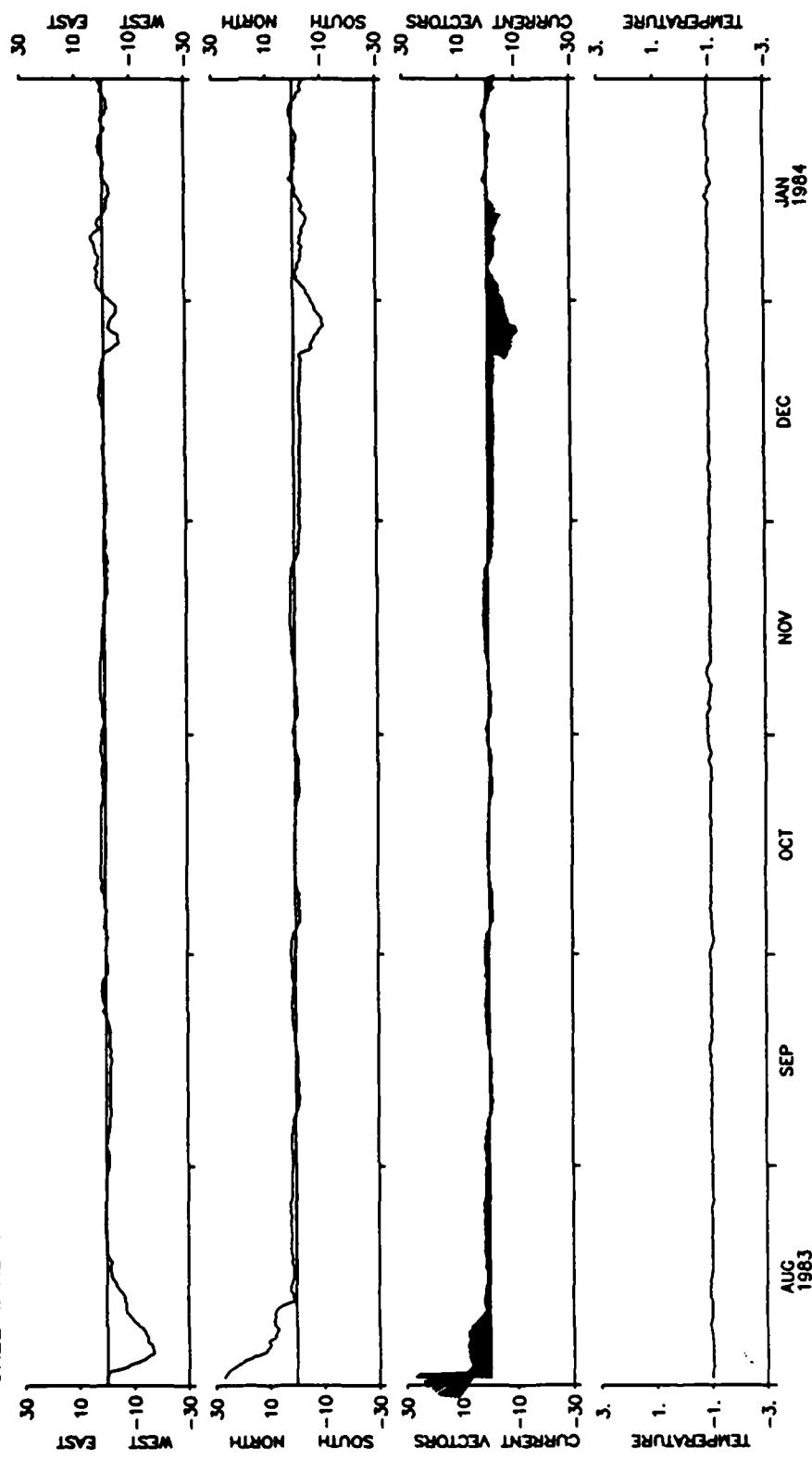
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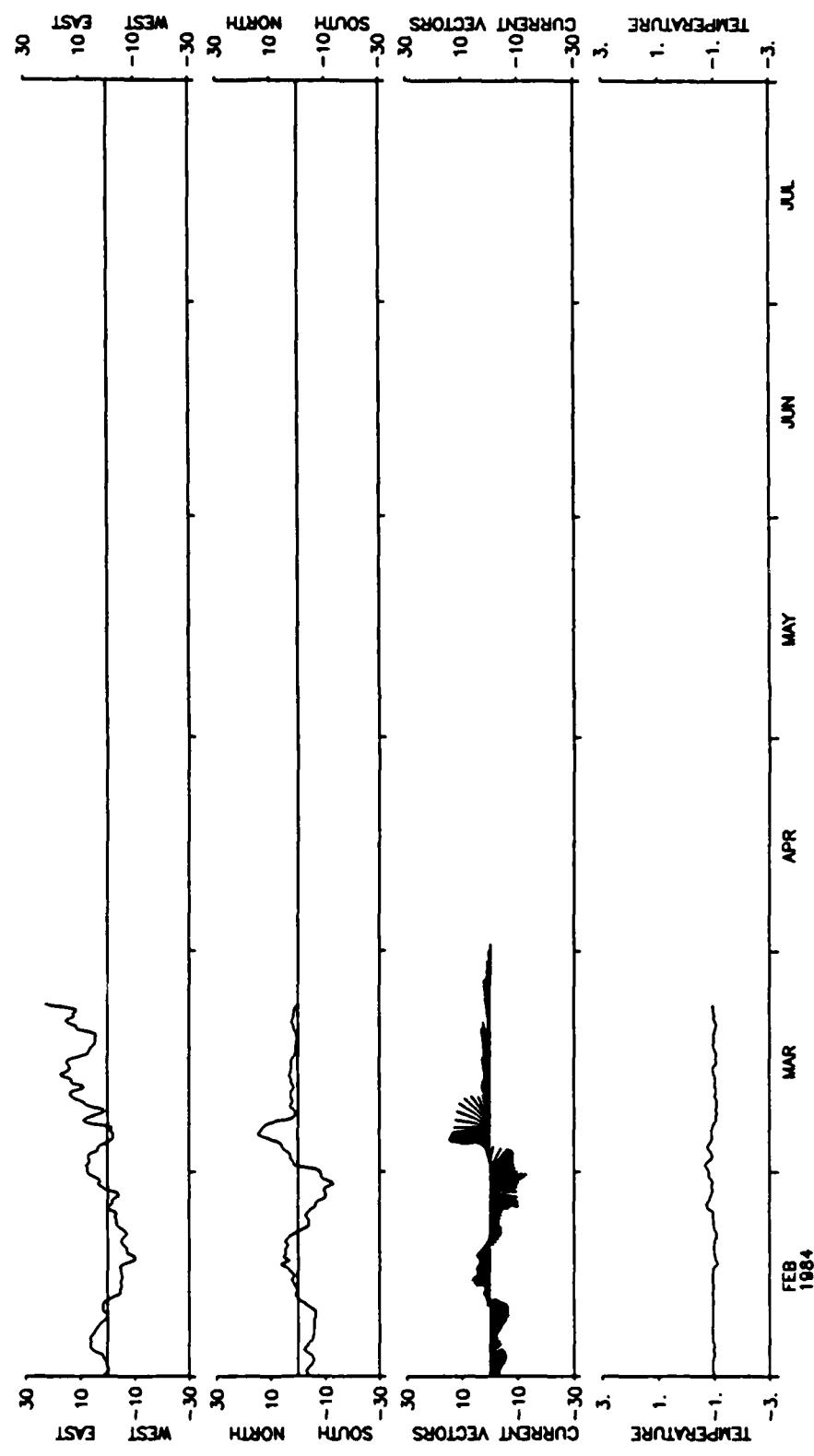
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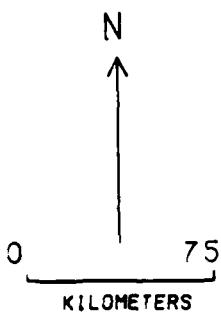
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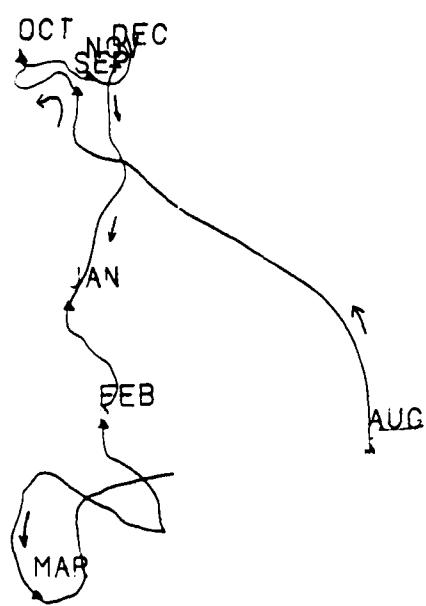
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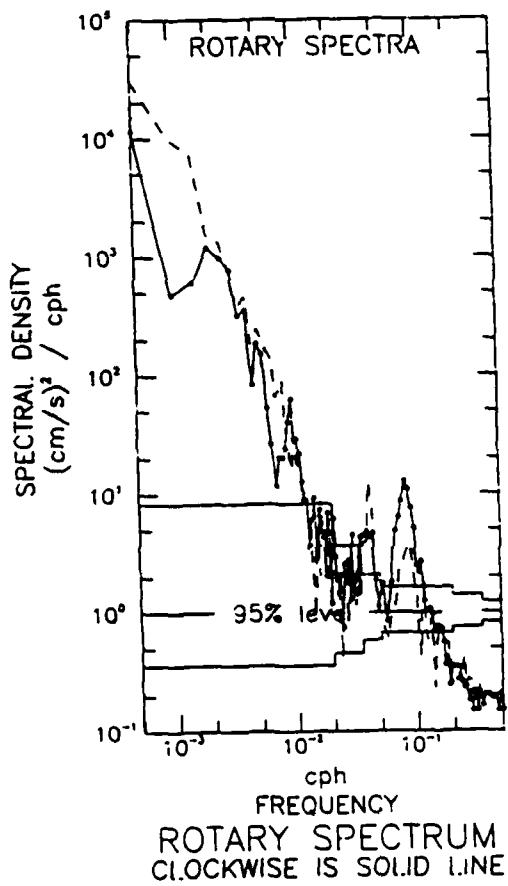
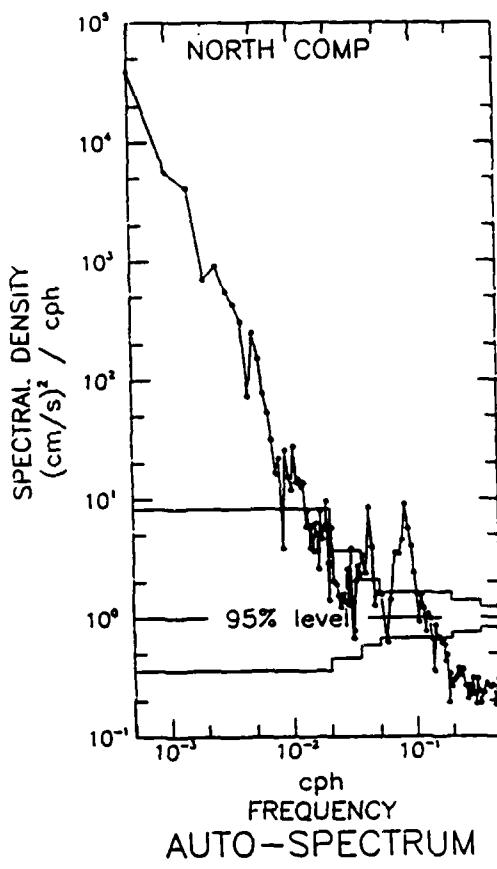
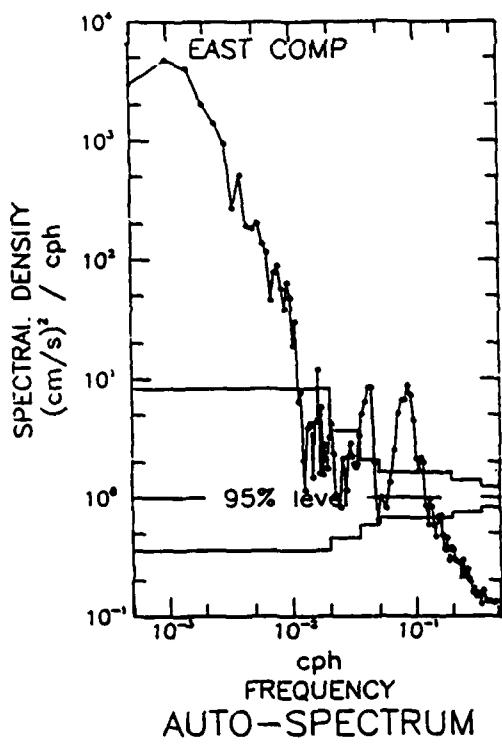




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GB-1, 945 m





1484
83-84

Current Meter 1485

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1983 - August 22, 1984

74° 32'N

06° 40'W

1,842 meters

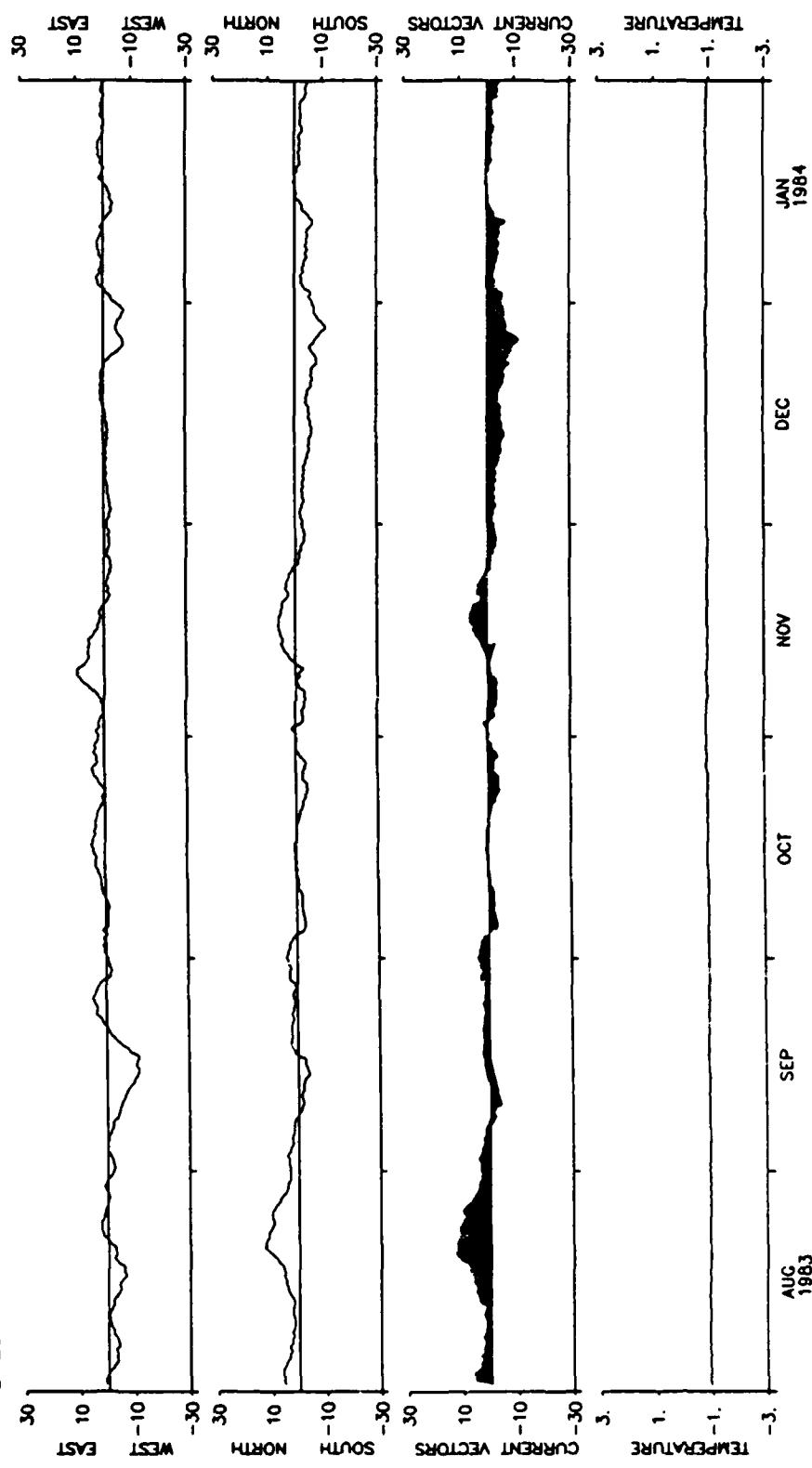
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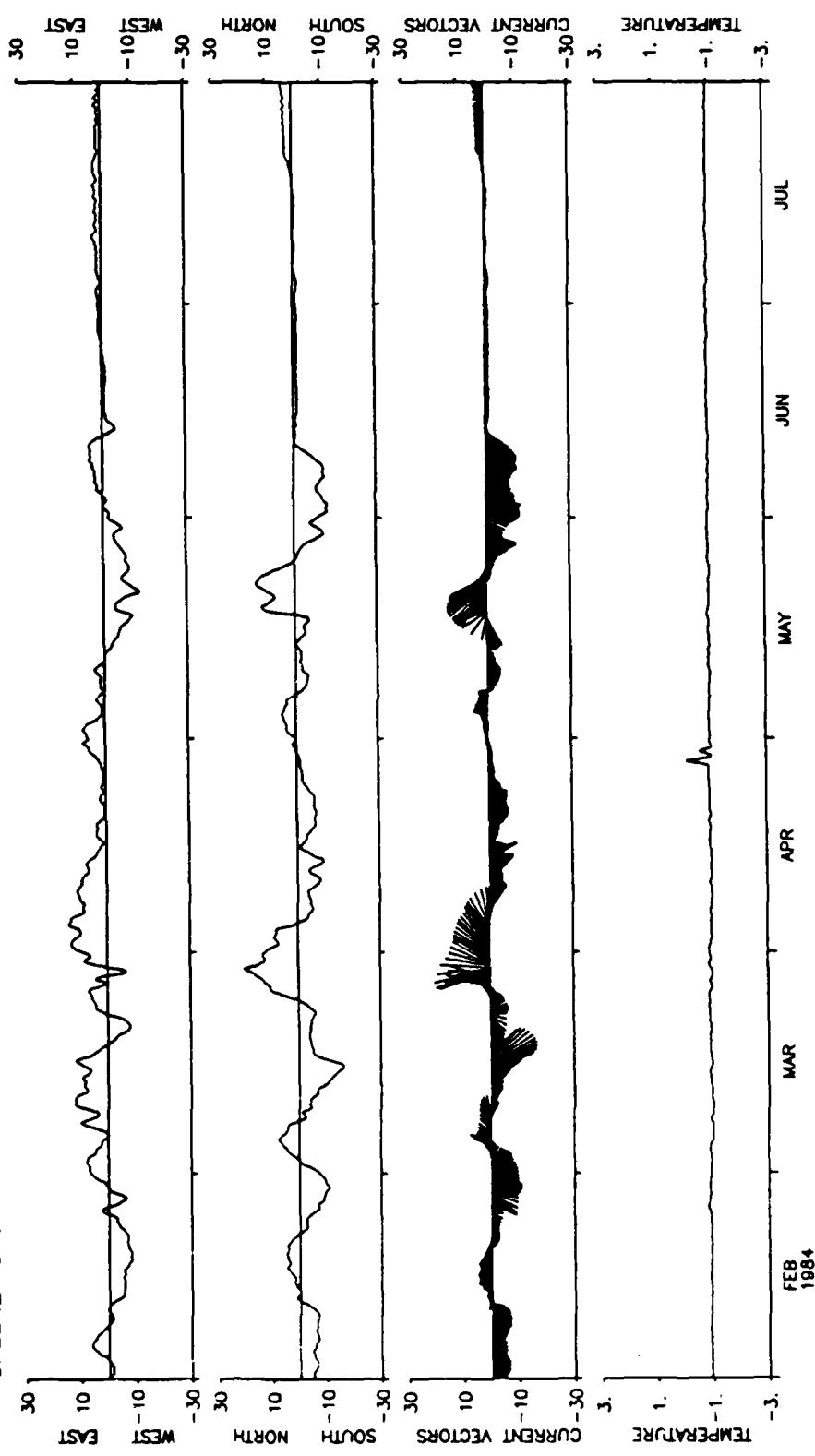
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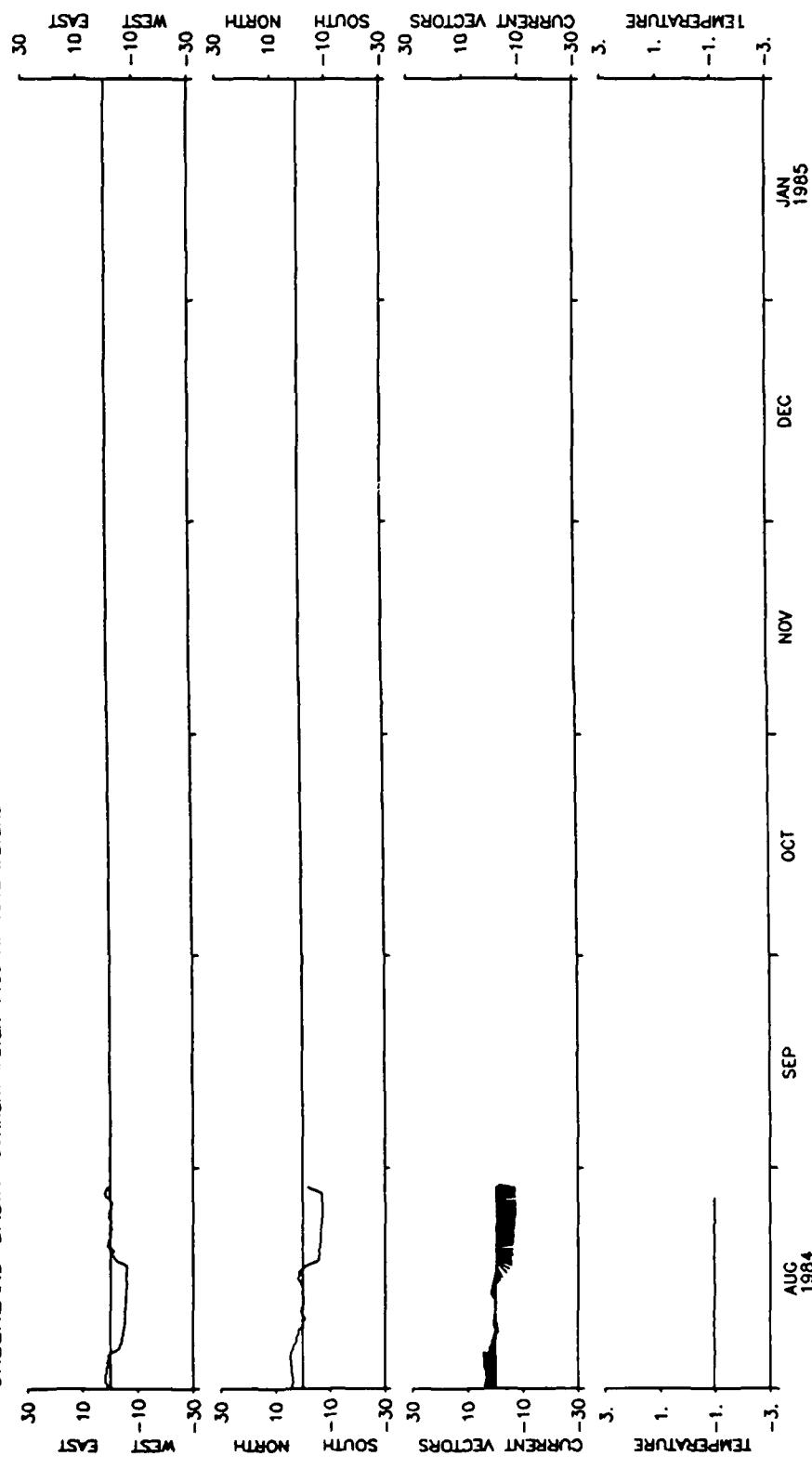
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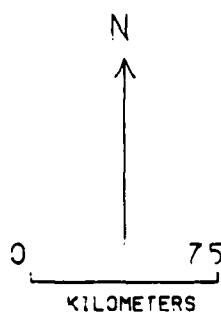


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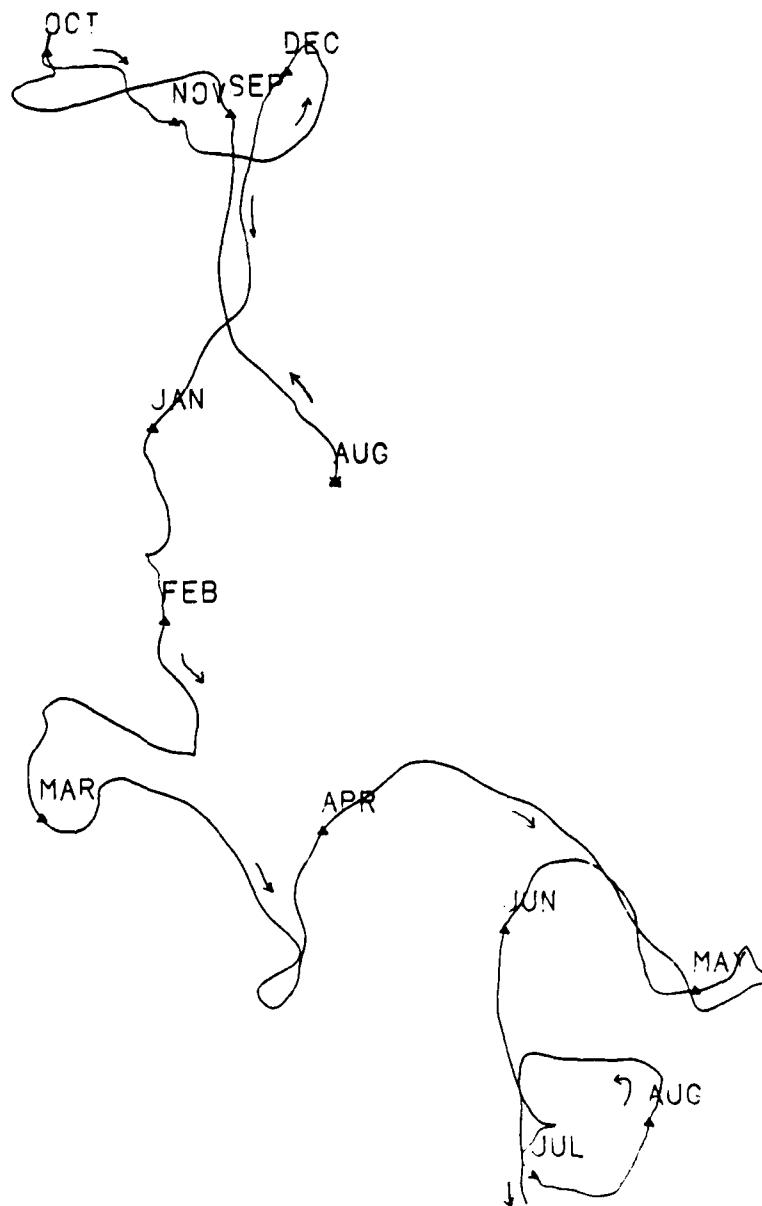
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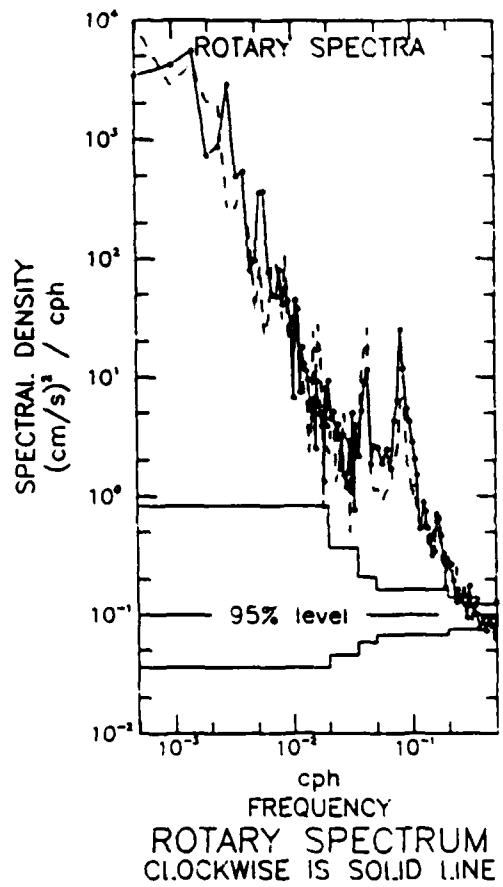
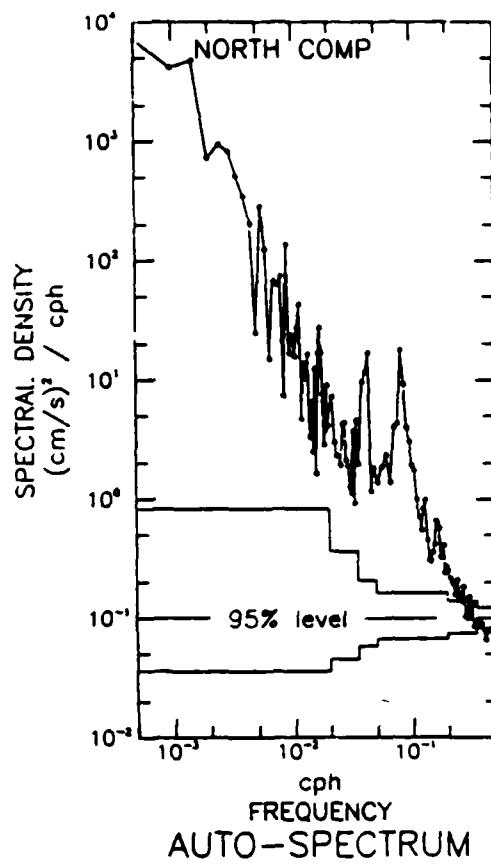
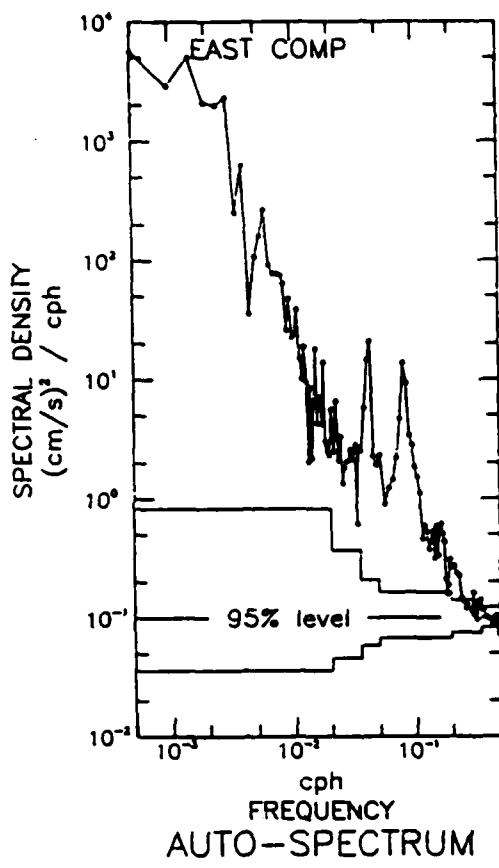




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GB-1, 1,842 m





1485
83-84

Current Meter 2752

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1983 - September 27, 1984

74° 32'N

06° 40'W

2,929 meters

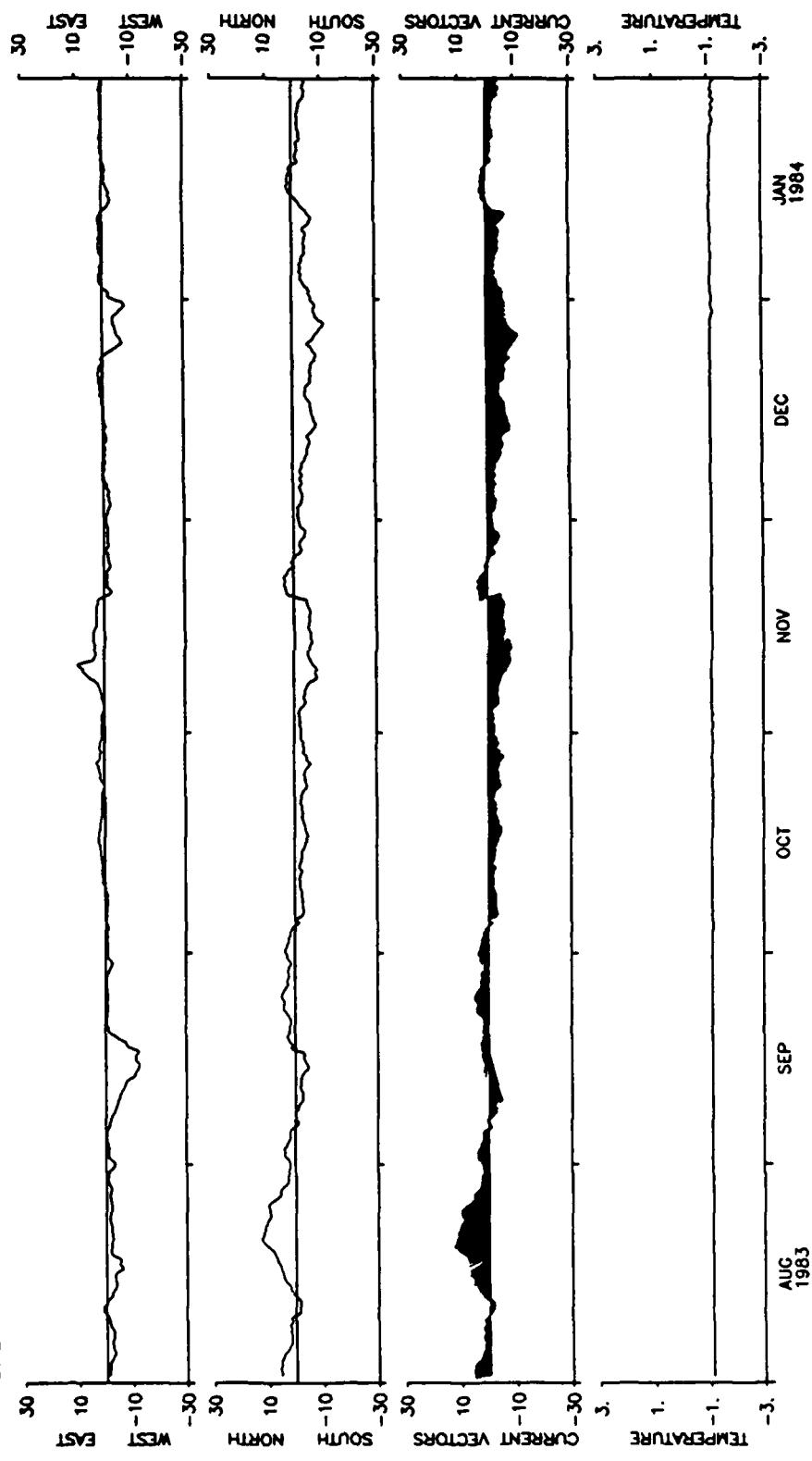
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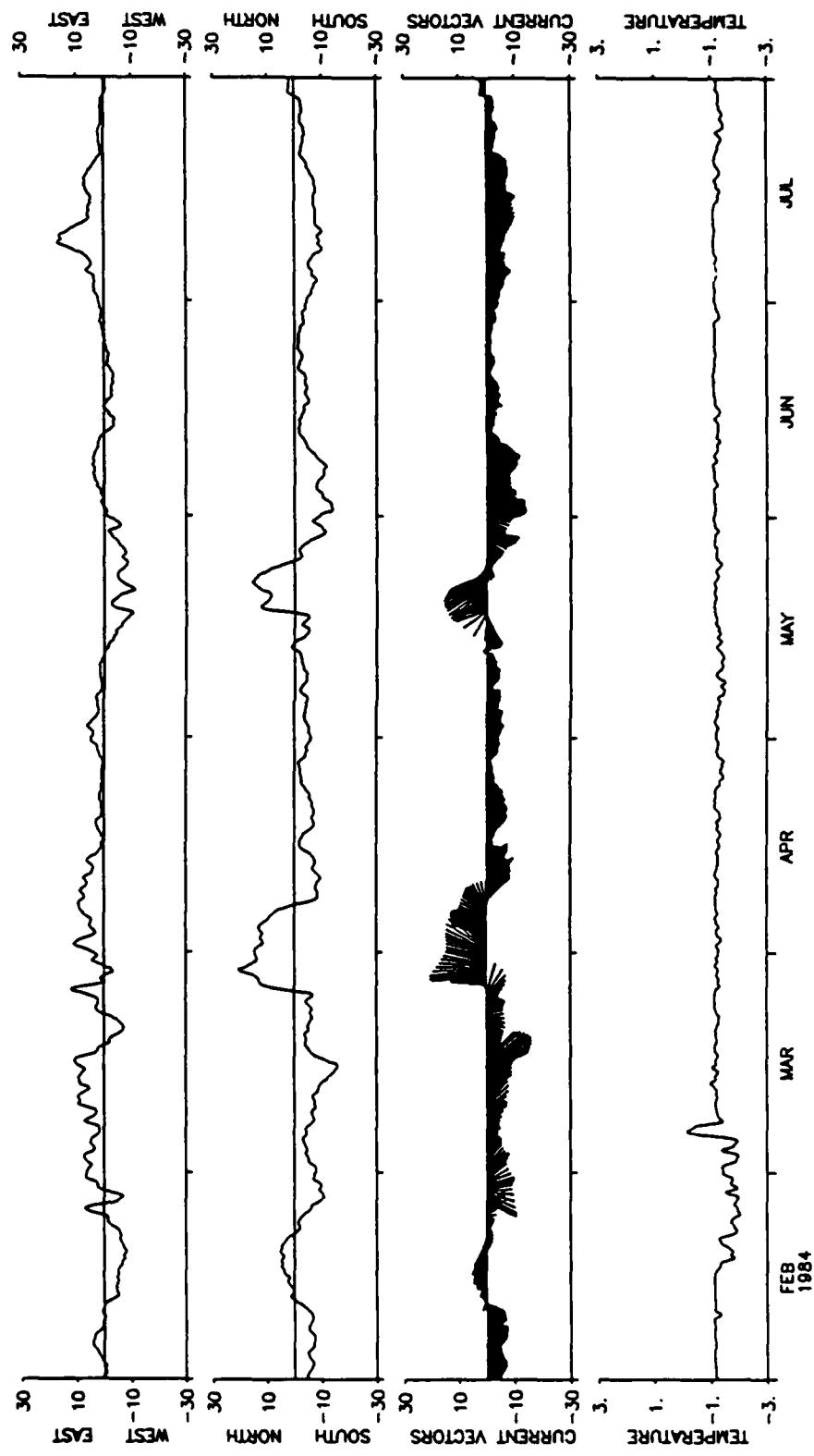
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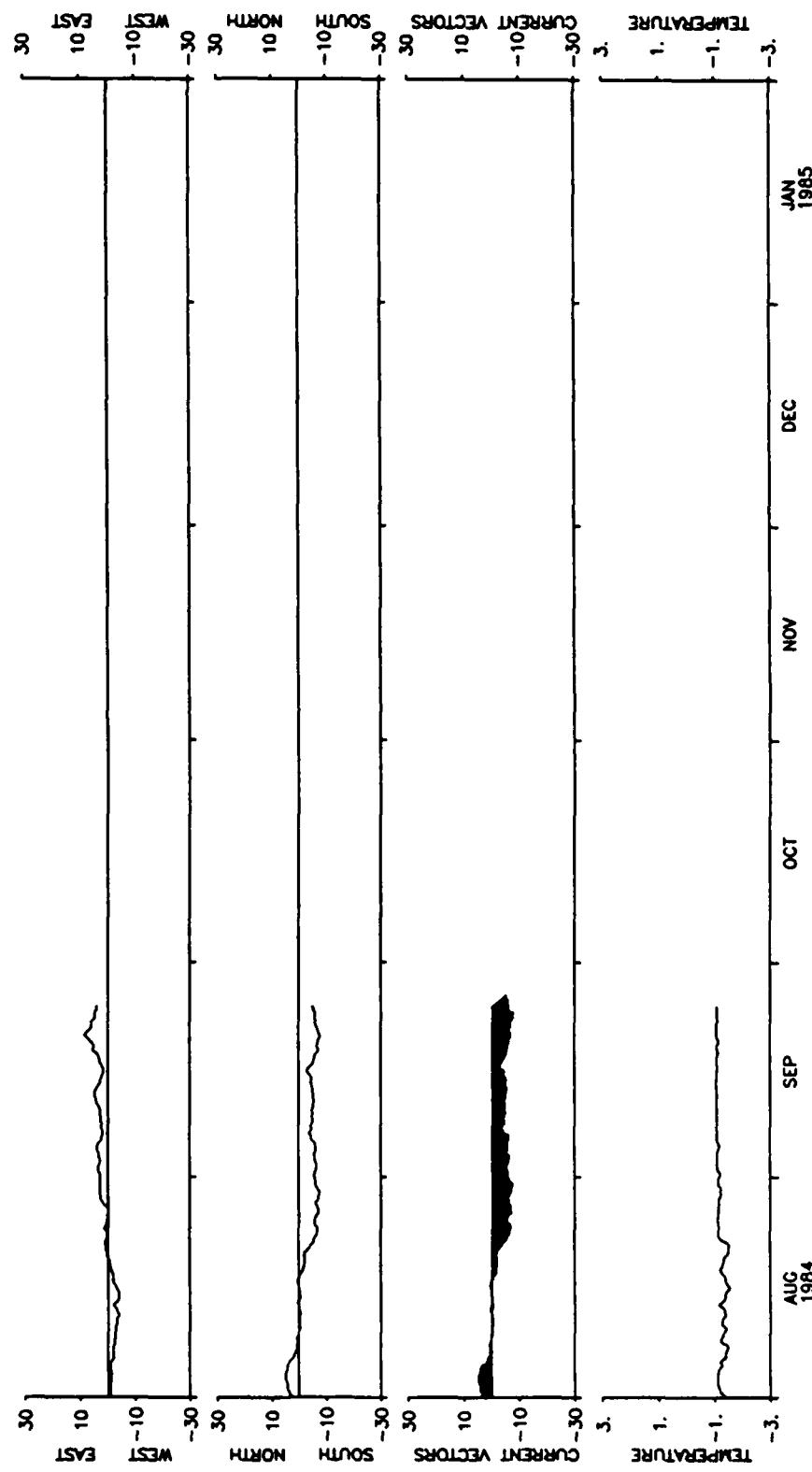
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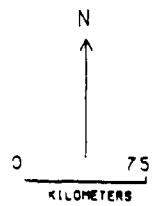
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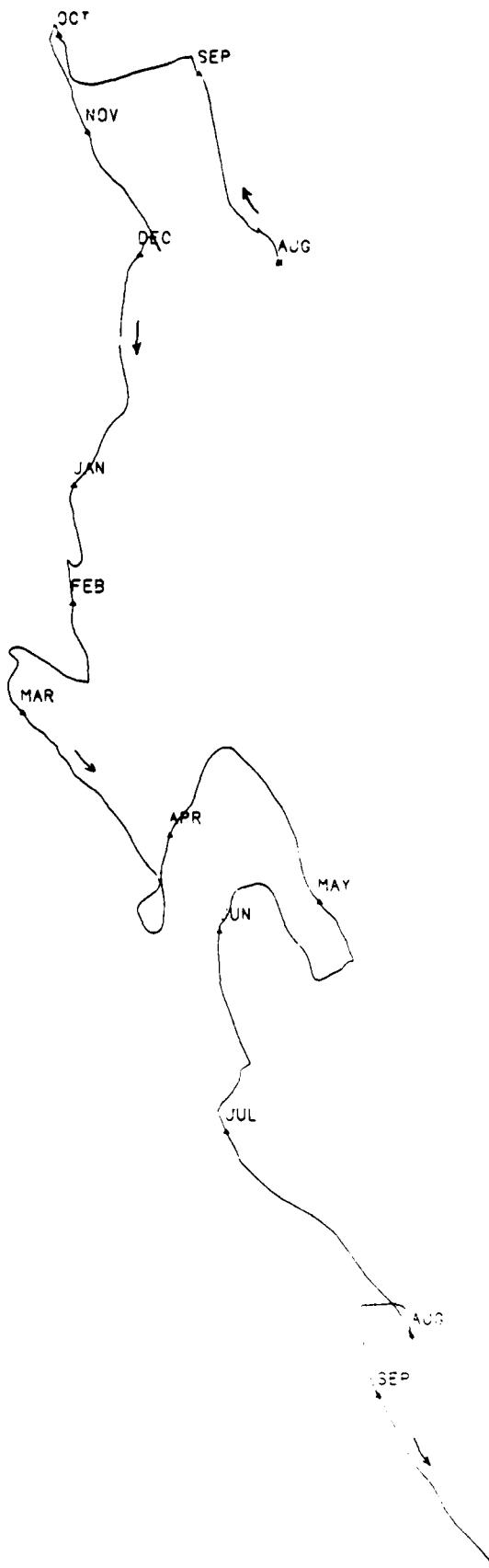


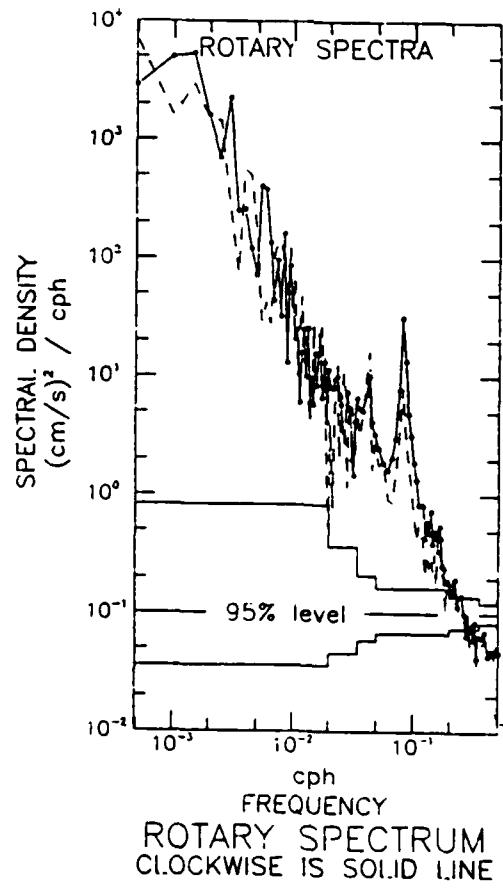
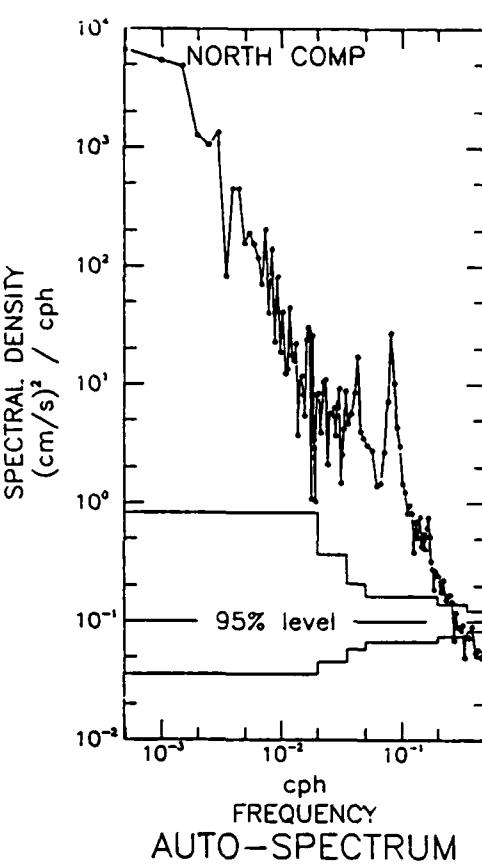
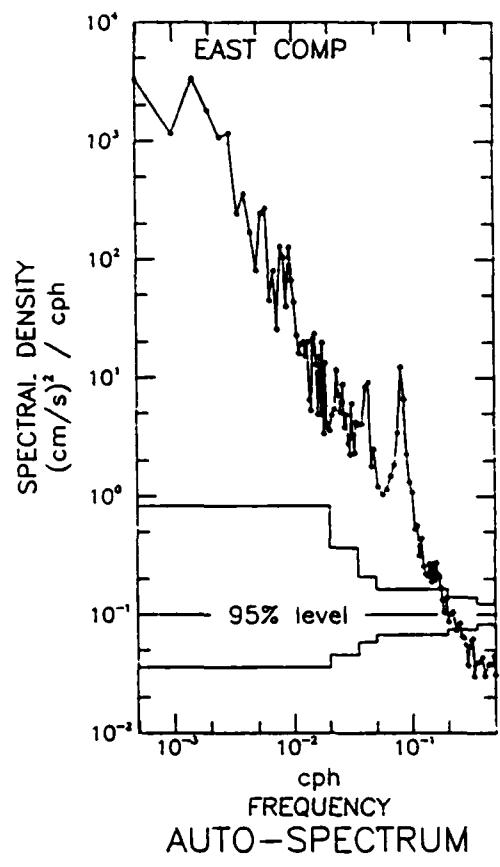
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GB-1, 2,926 m





2752
83-84

Greenland Basin

1983 - 1984

Vector Diagram

Three-dimensional plots

August 1, 1983 - July 30, 1984

945 m, #1484

1,842 m, #1485

2,929 m, #2752

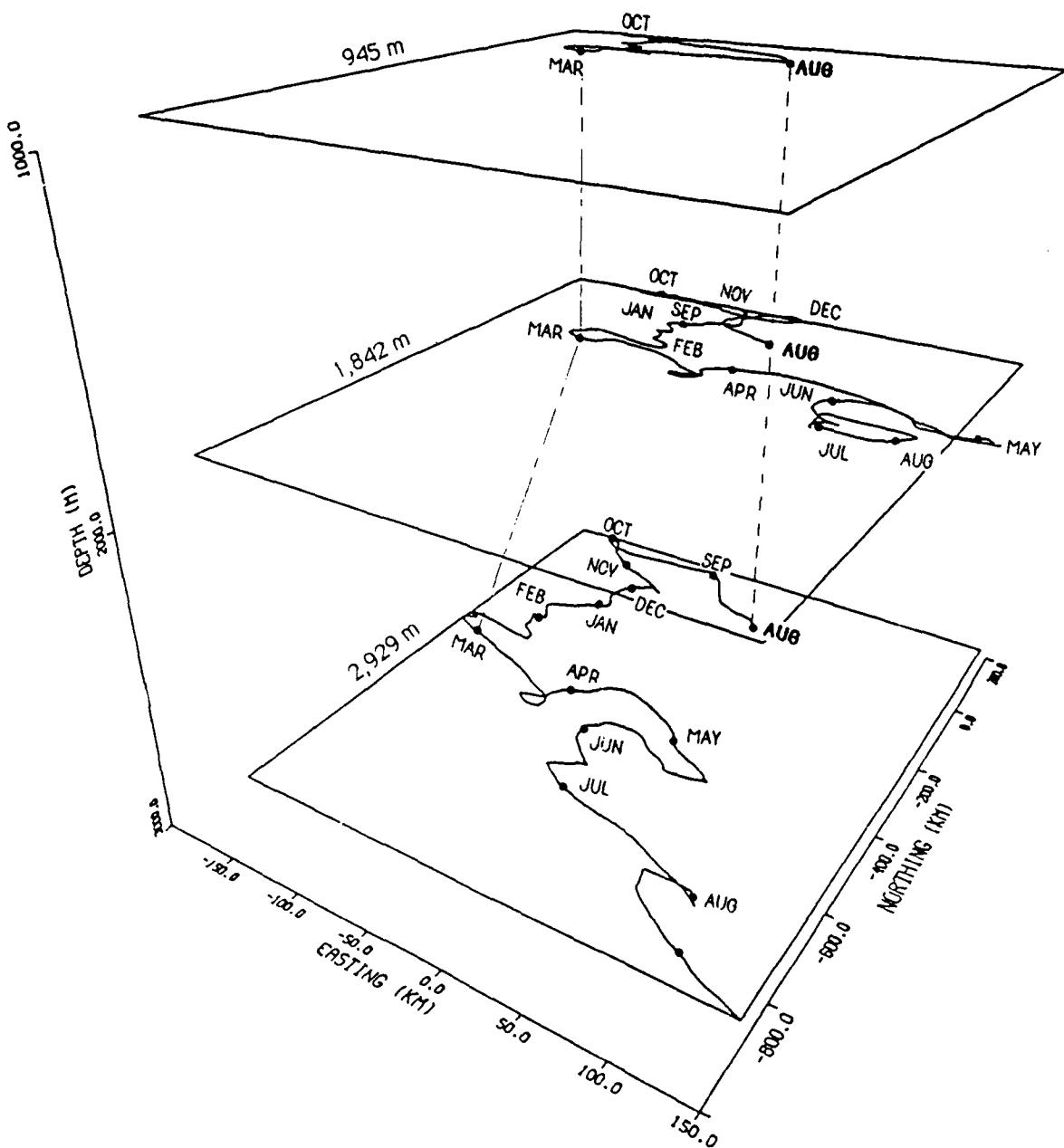
VECTOR DIAGRAM

GREENLAND BASIN, GB-1

74 32'N, 06 40'W

AUGUST, 1983 - AUGUST 1984

Anchor depth: 3,417 m



1984 - 1985

DATA

Fram Strait

Greenland Basin

Current Meter 2814

Fram Strait

August 20, 1984 - August 10, 1985

78° 52'N

01° 22'E

2,476 meters

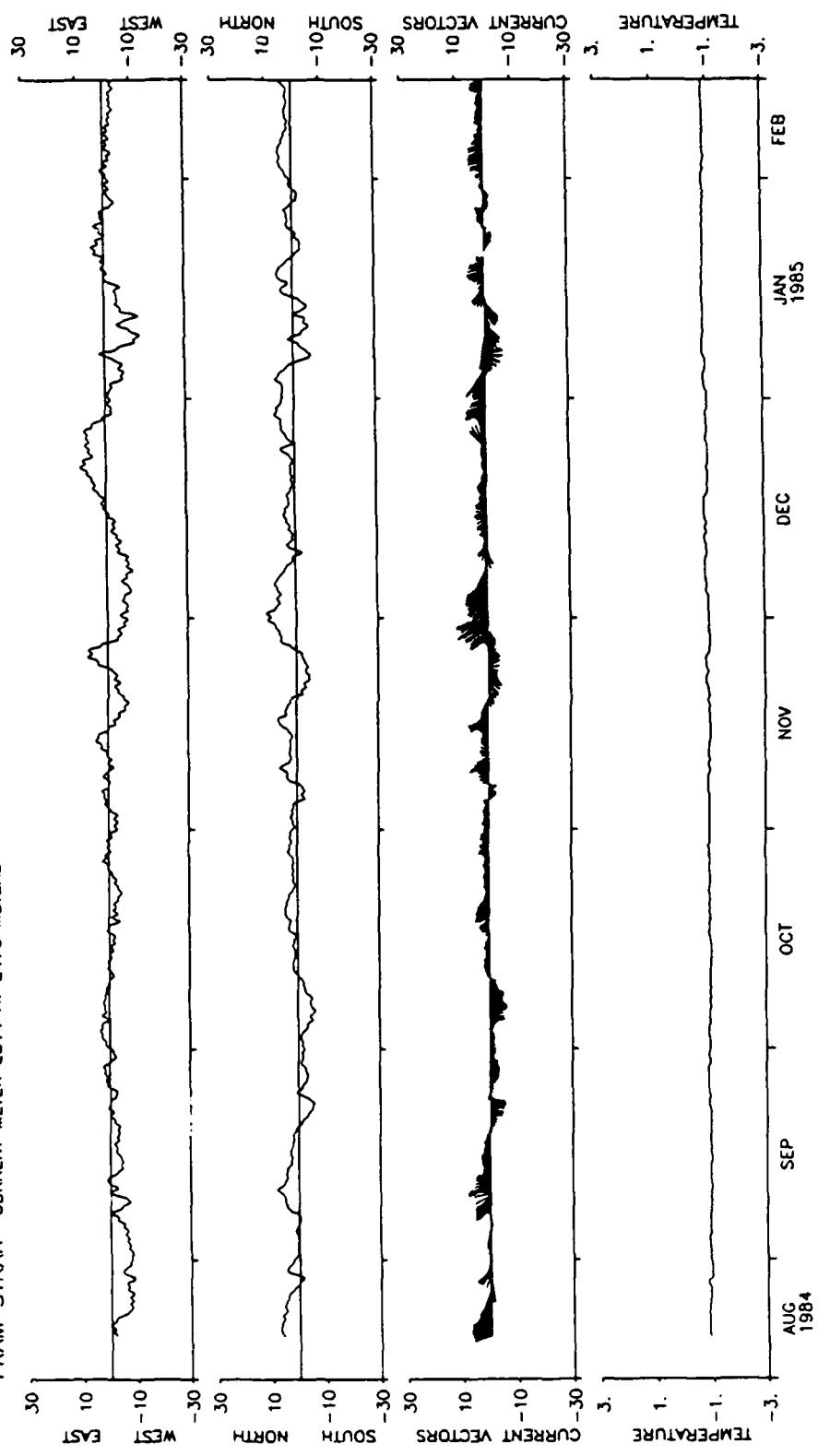
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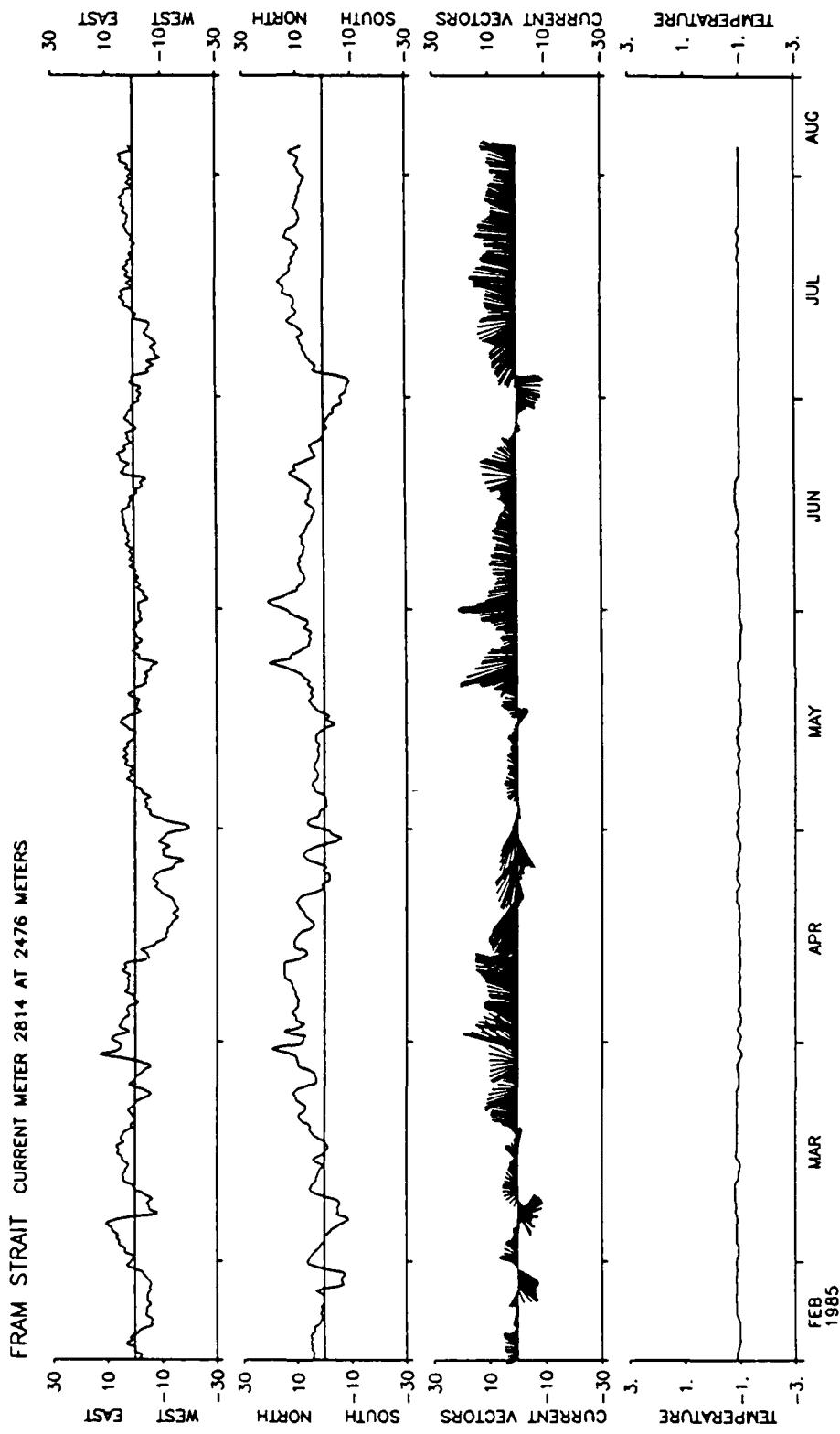
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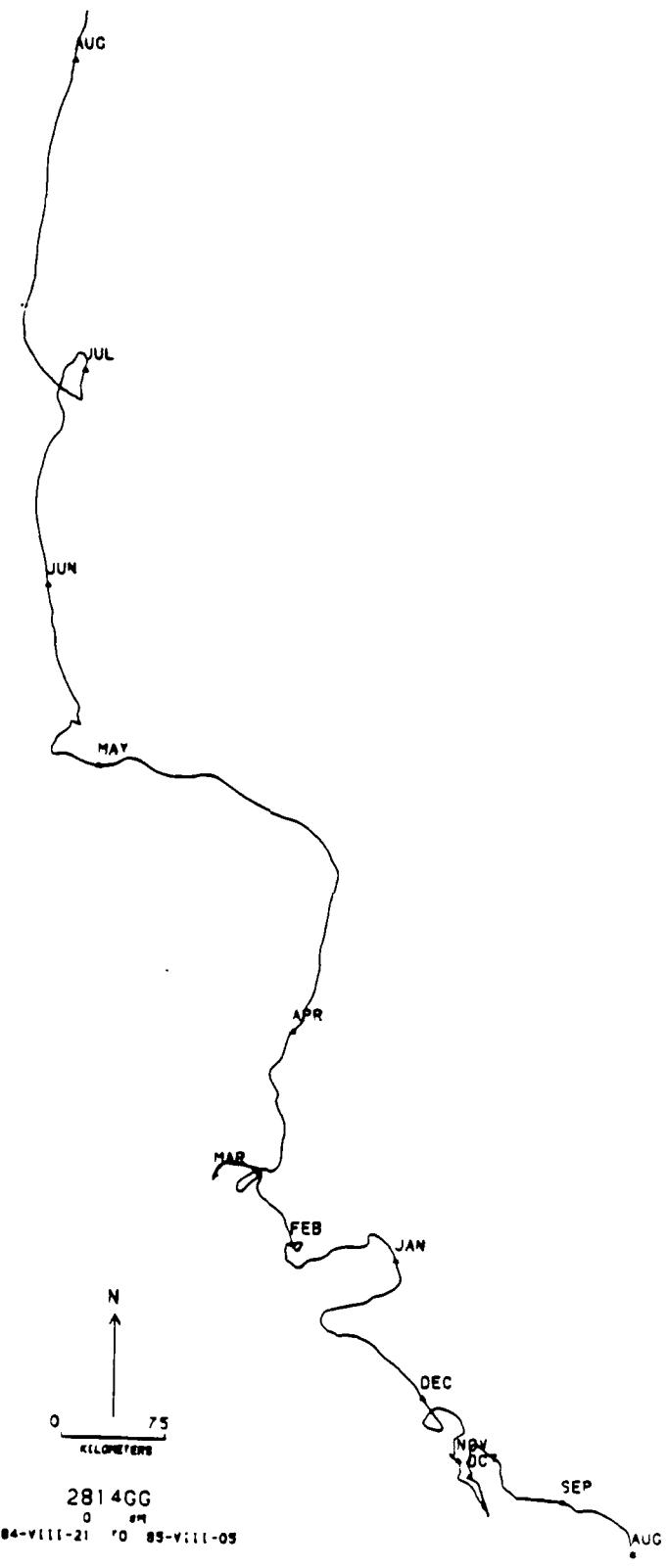
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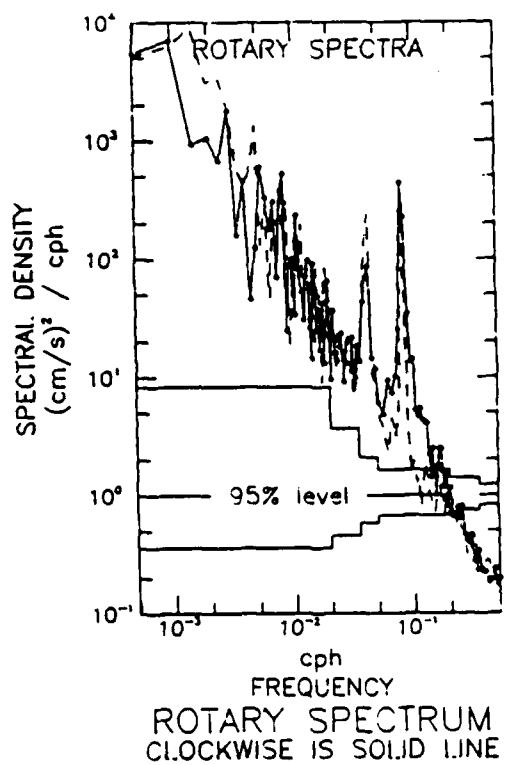
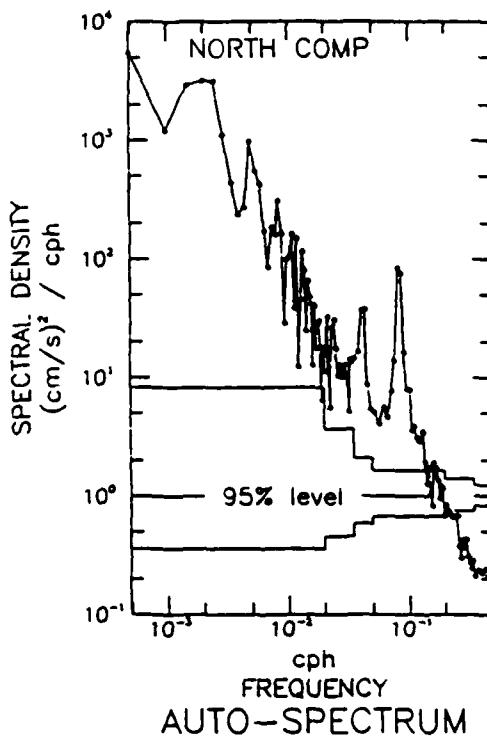
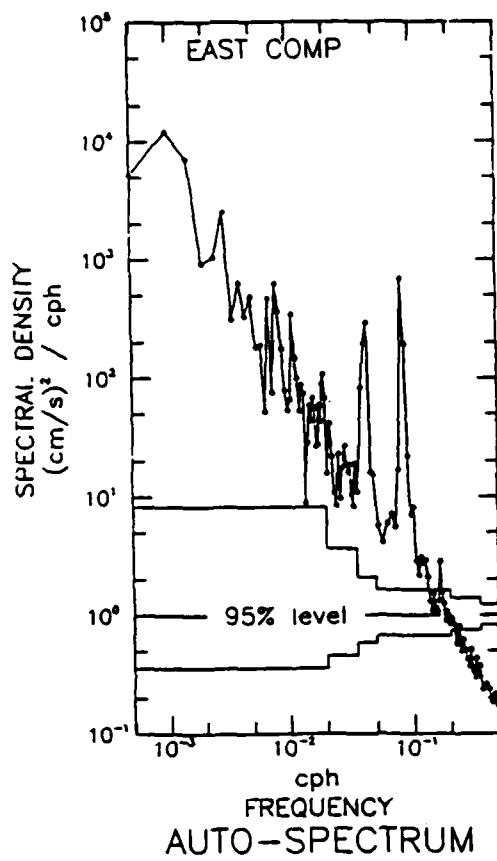
FRAM STRAIT CURRENT METER 2814 AT 2476 METERS







FS-1, 2,776 m



2814
84-85

1985 - 1986

DATA

Fram Strait

Current Meter 2814

Fram Strait

78° 52'N

01° 22'E

2,476 meters

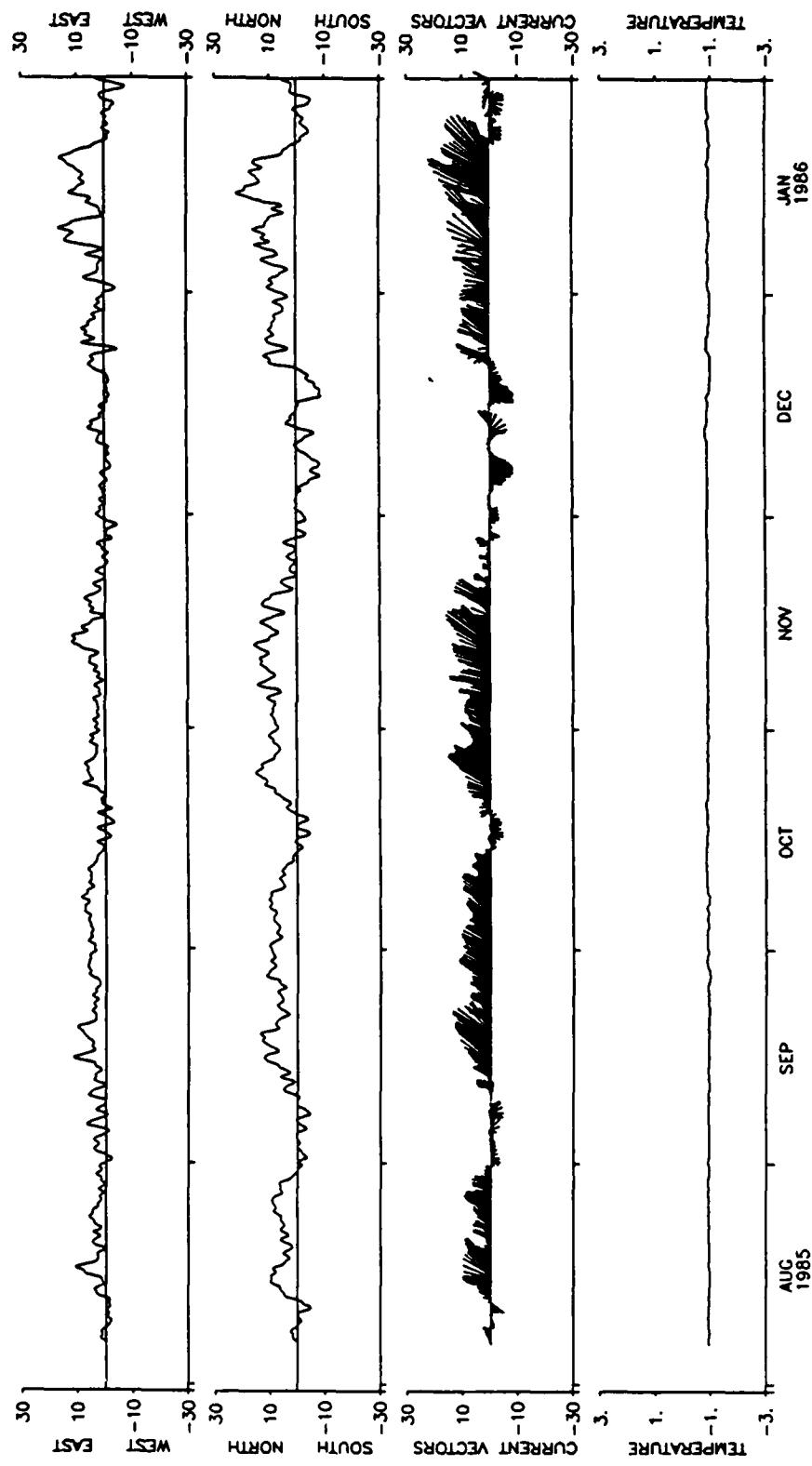
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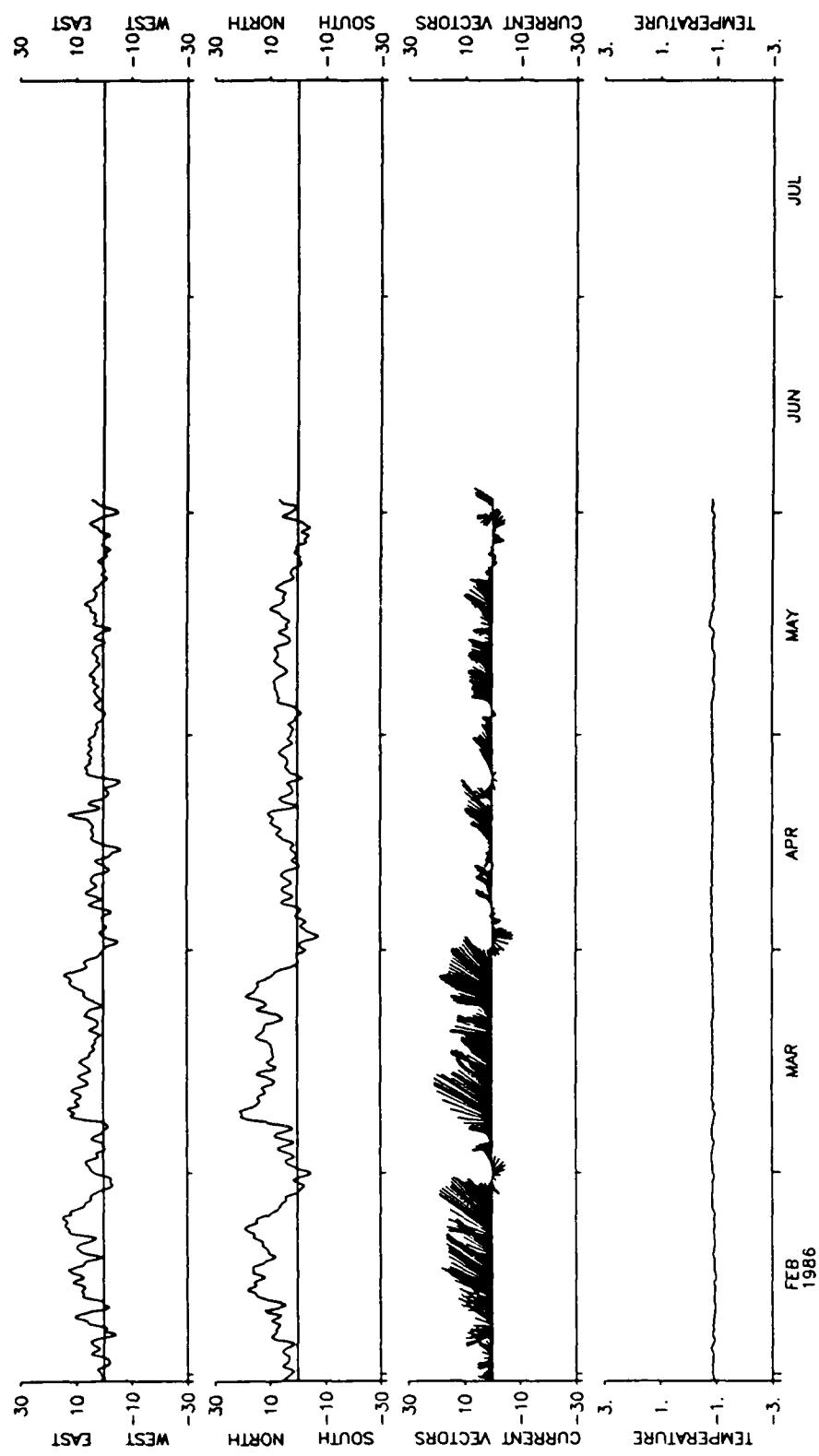
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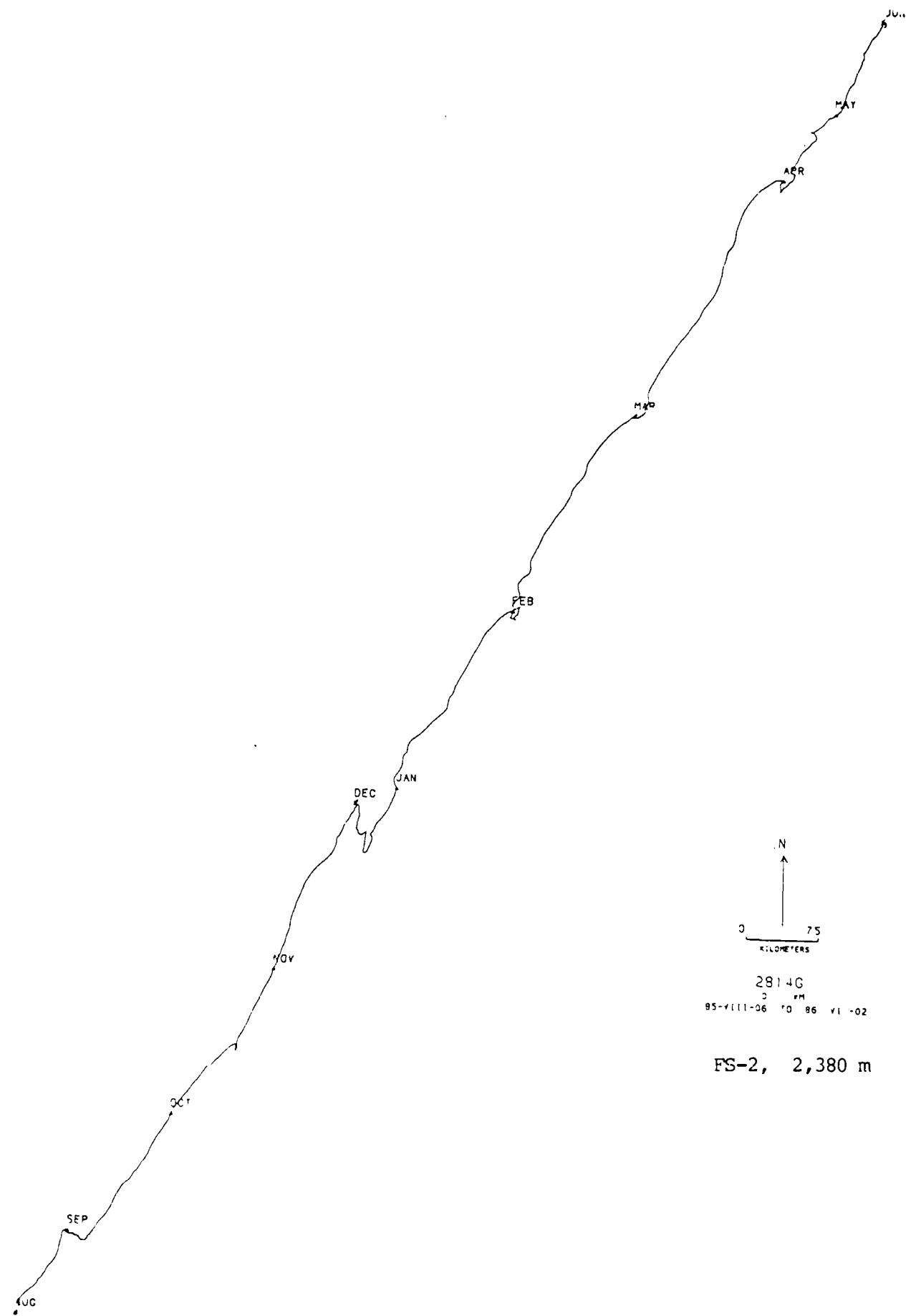
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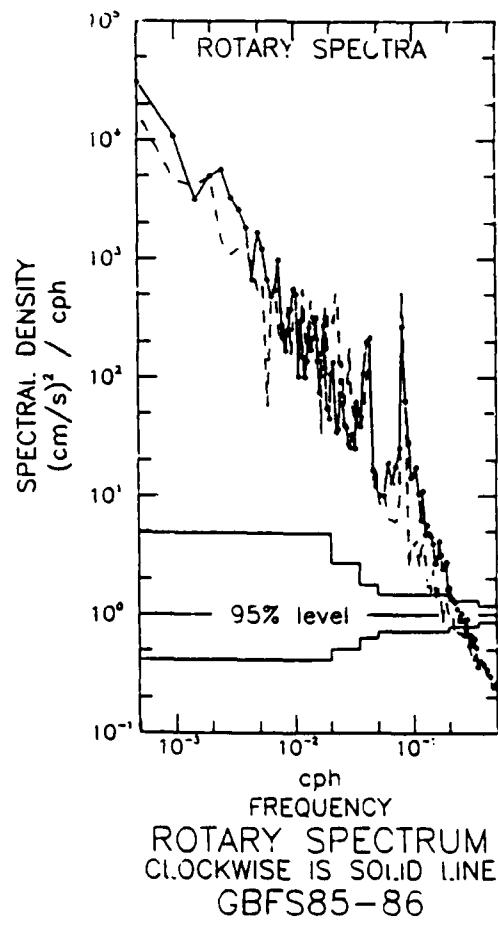
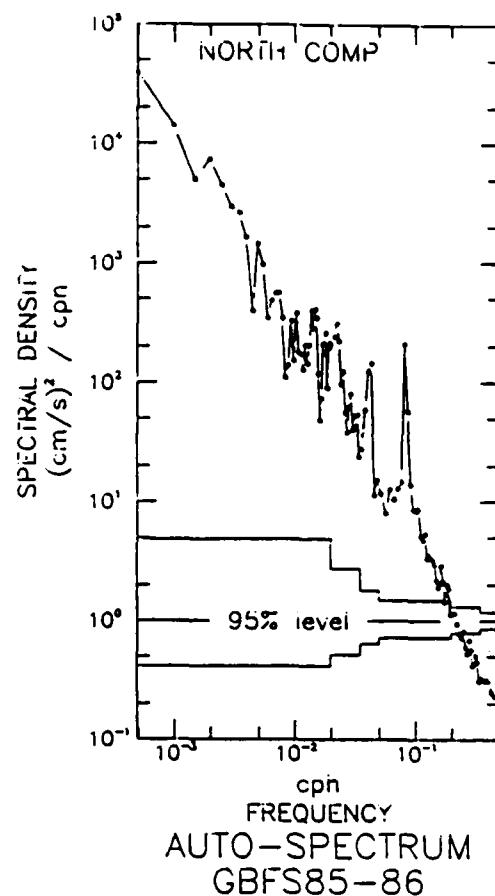
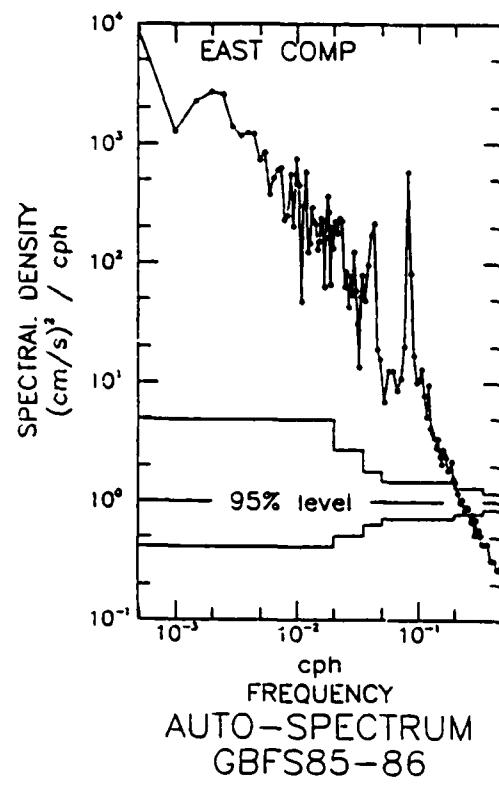
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FRAM STRAIT CURRENT METER 2814 AT 2380 METERS







2814

Current Meter 1484

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1985 - March 20, 1986

74° 35'N

06° 43'W

980 meters

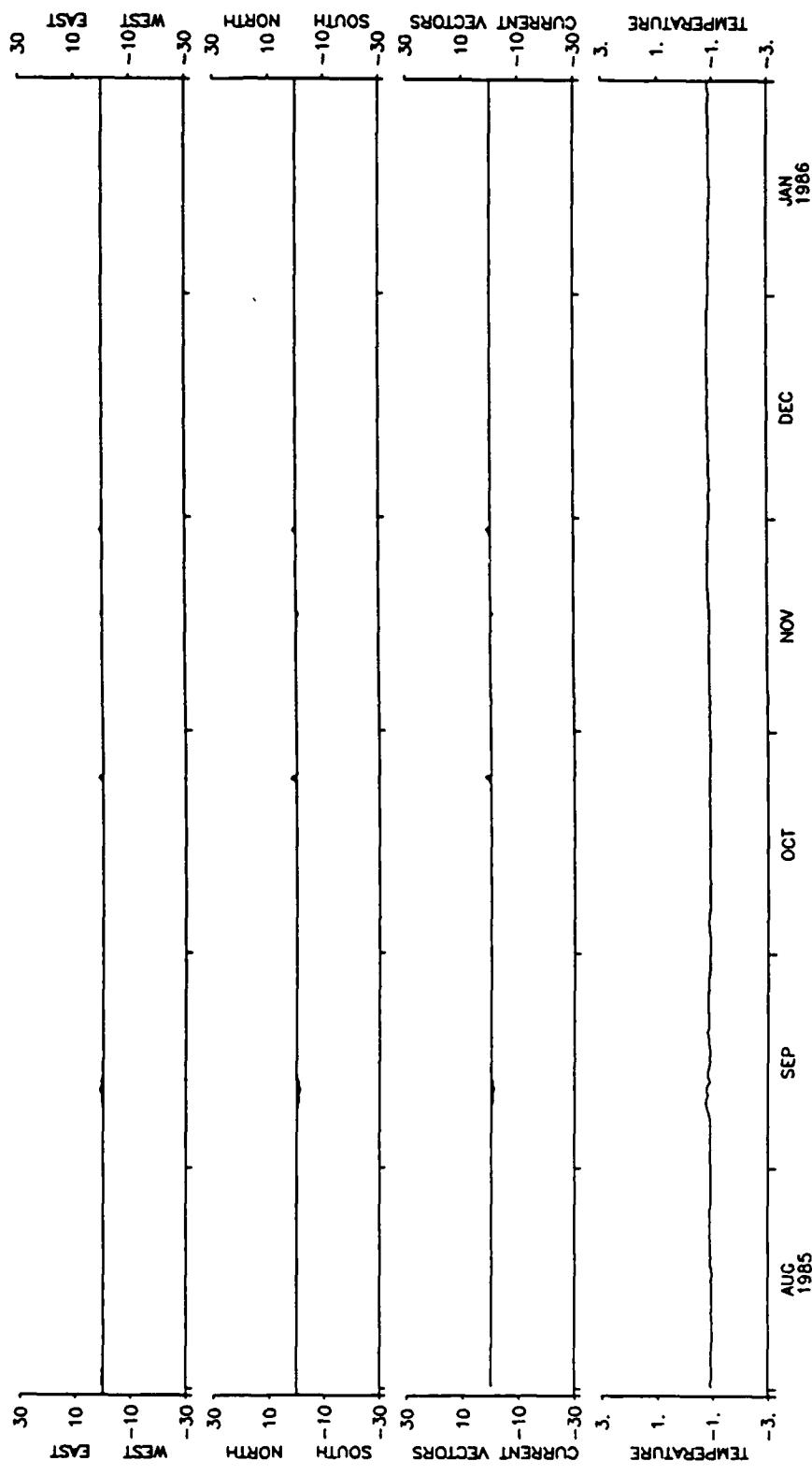
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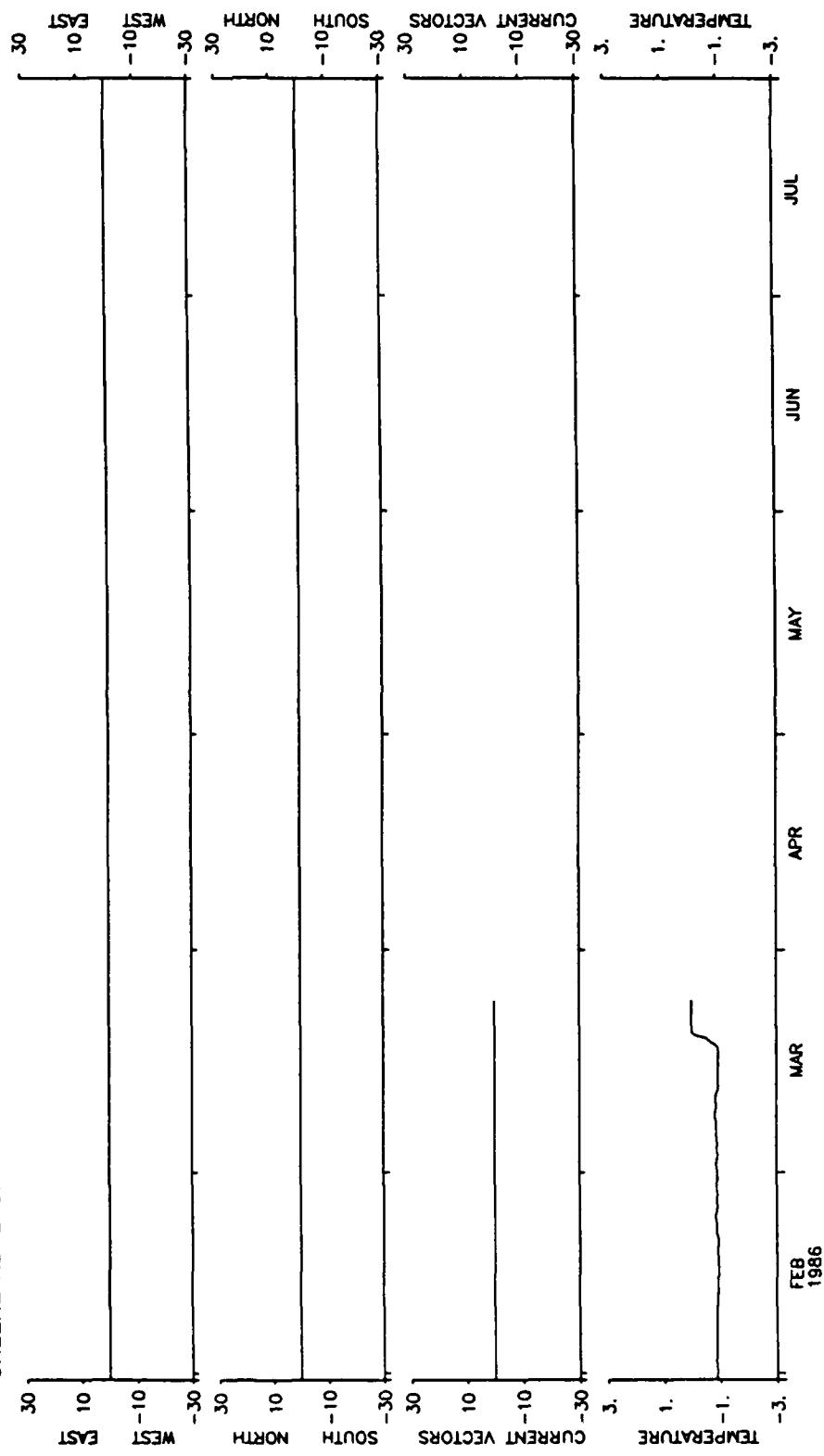
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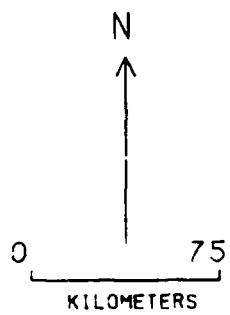
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GREENLAND BASIN CURRENT METER 1484 AT 960 METERS



GREENLAND BASIN CURRENT METER 1484 AT 960 METERS





1484G

0 #M

85-VIII-01 TO 86- III-24

GB-2, 1,857 m

Current Meter 1485

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1985 - August 20, 1986

74° 35'N

06° 43'W

1,857 meters

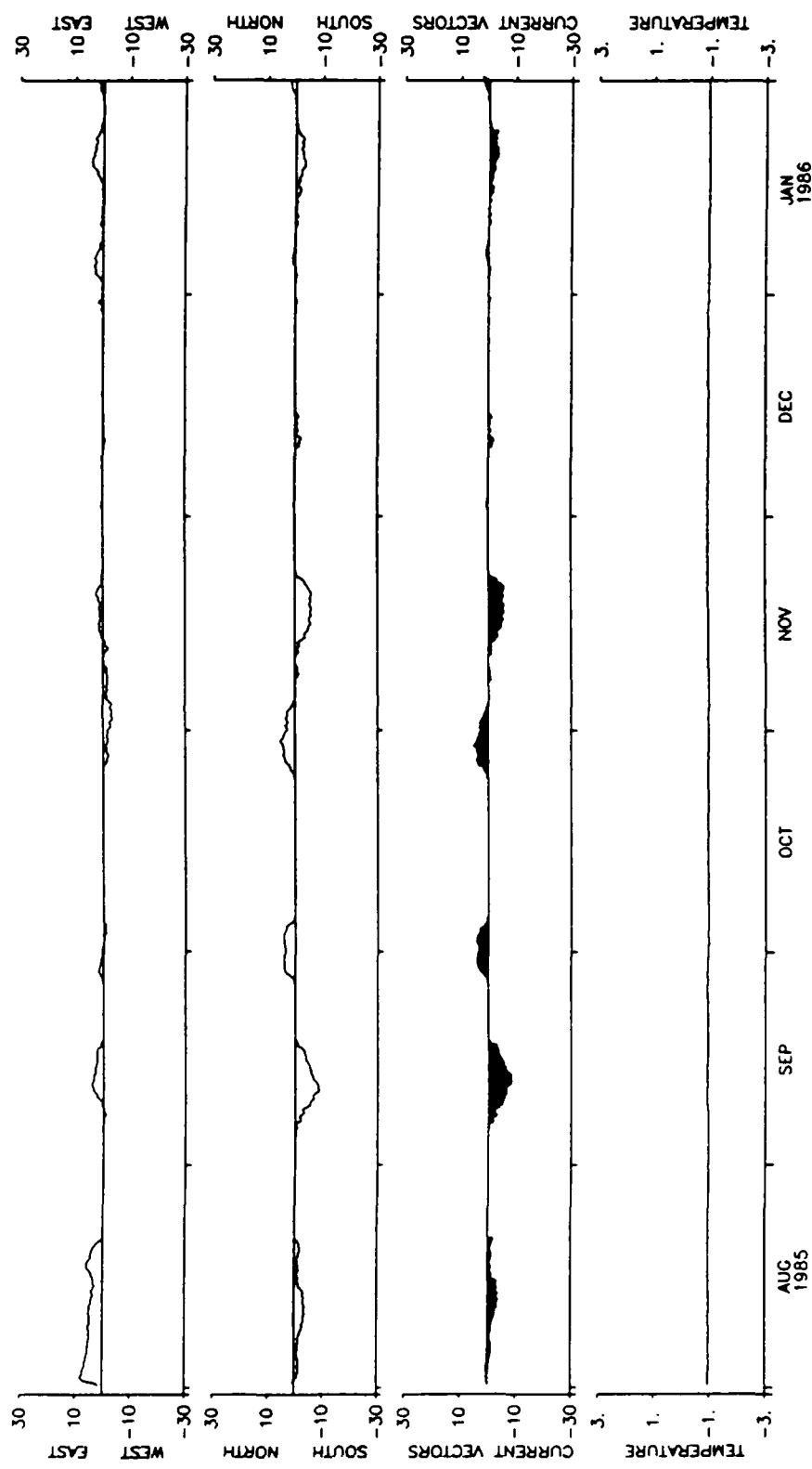
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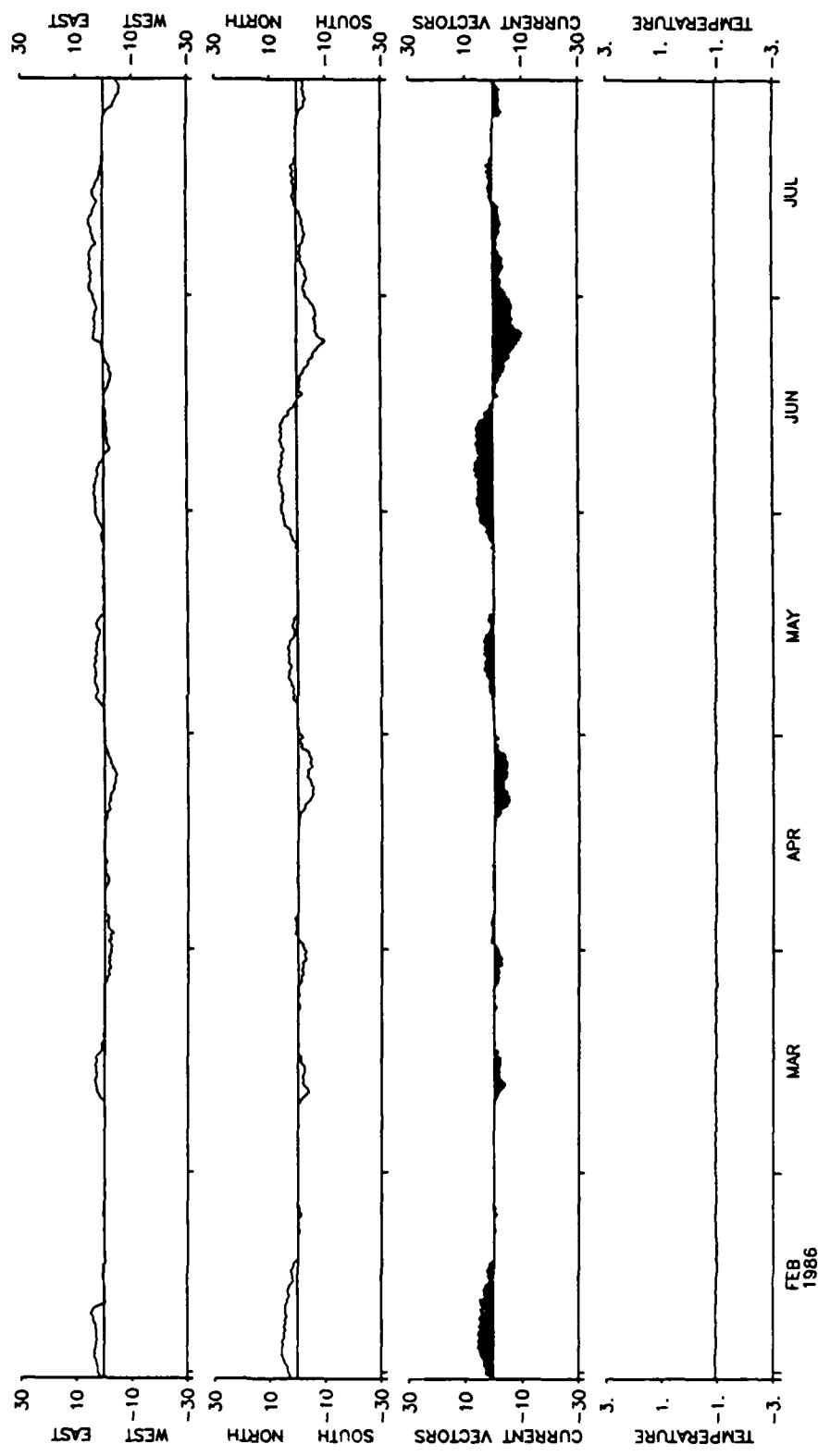
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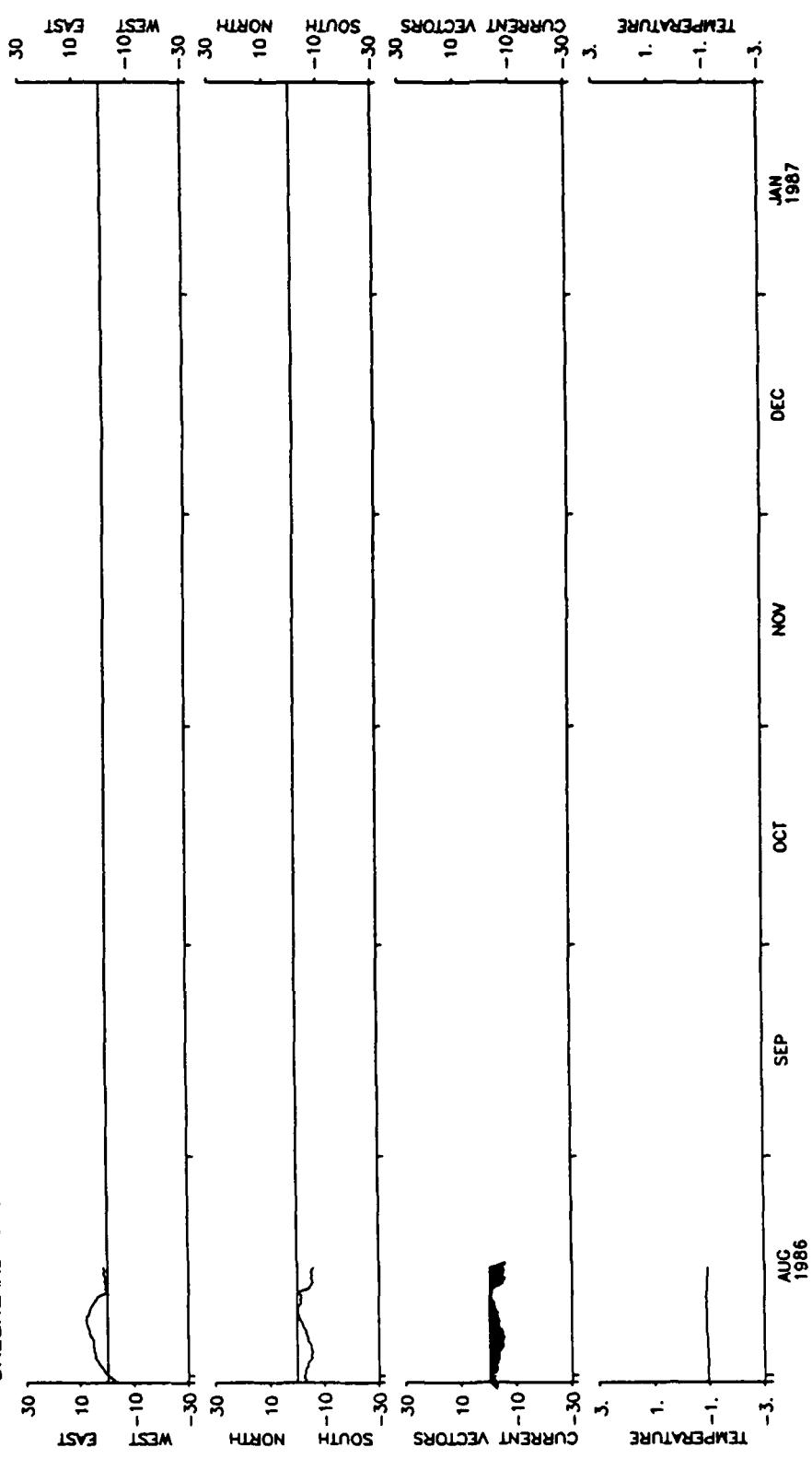
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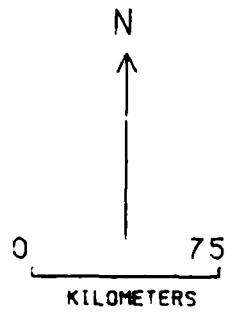


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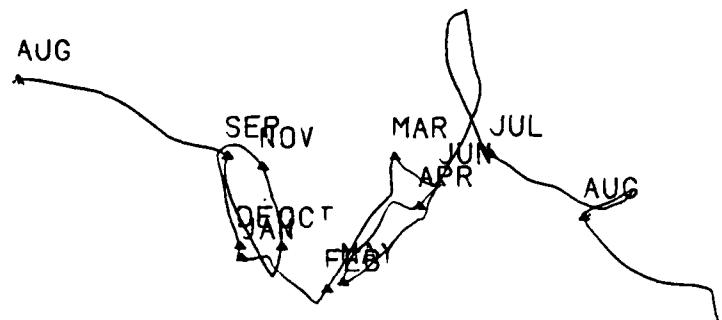
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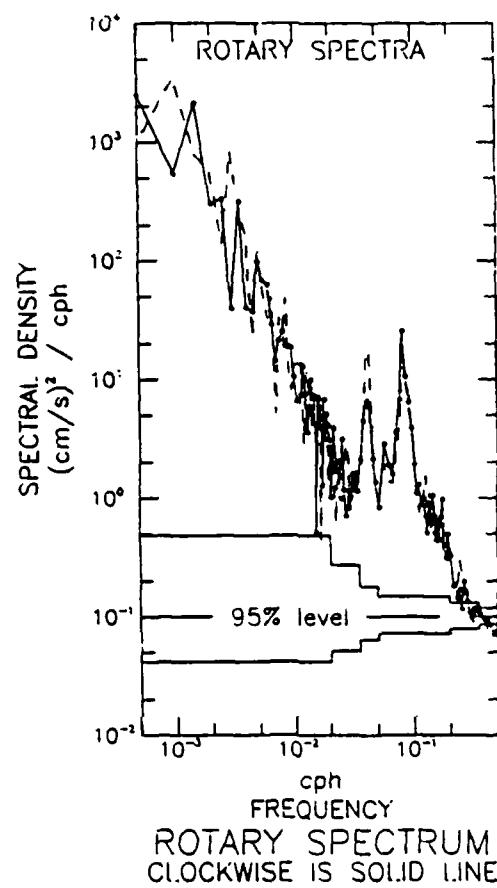
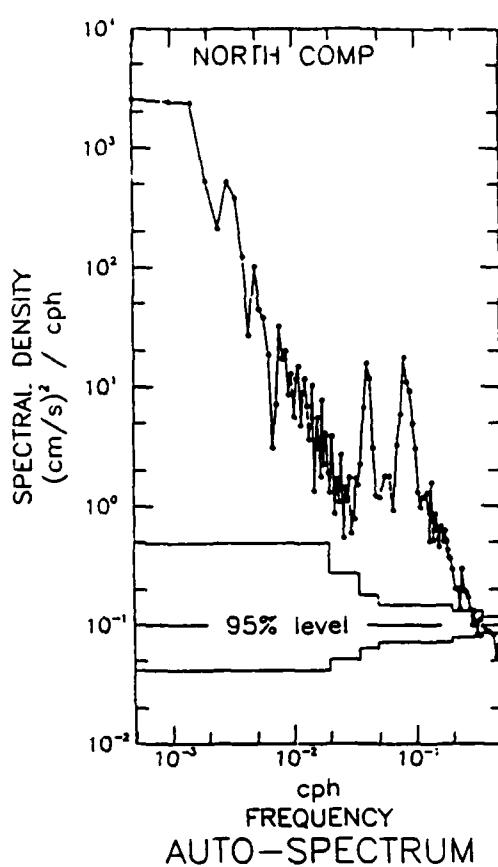
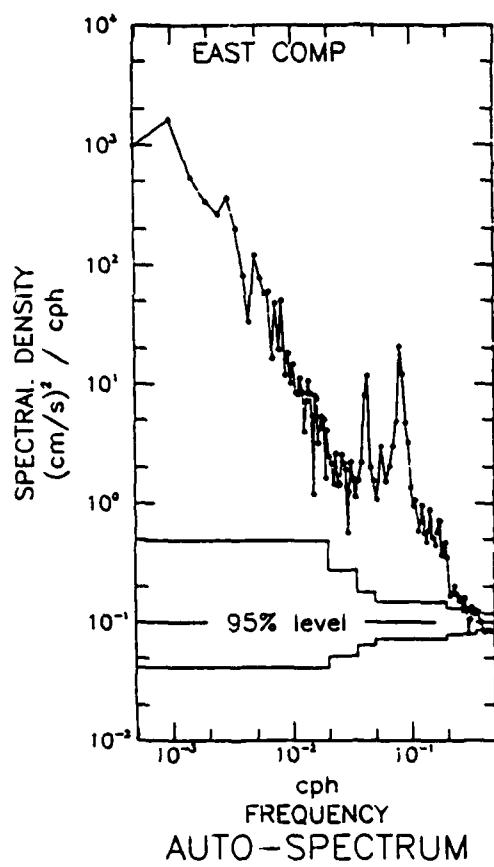




1485C
0 #M
85-VIII-01 TO 86-VIII-16

GB-2, 1,875 m





1485
85-86

Current Meter 2752

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1985 - April 19, 1986

74° 35'N

06° 43'W

2,923 meters

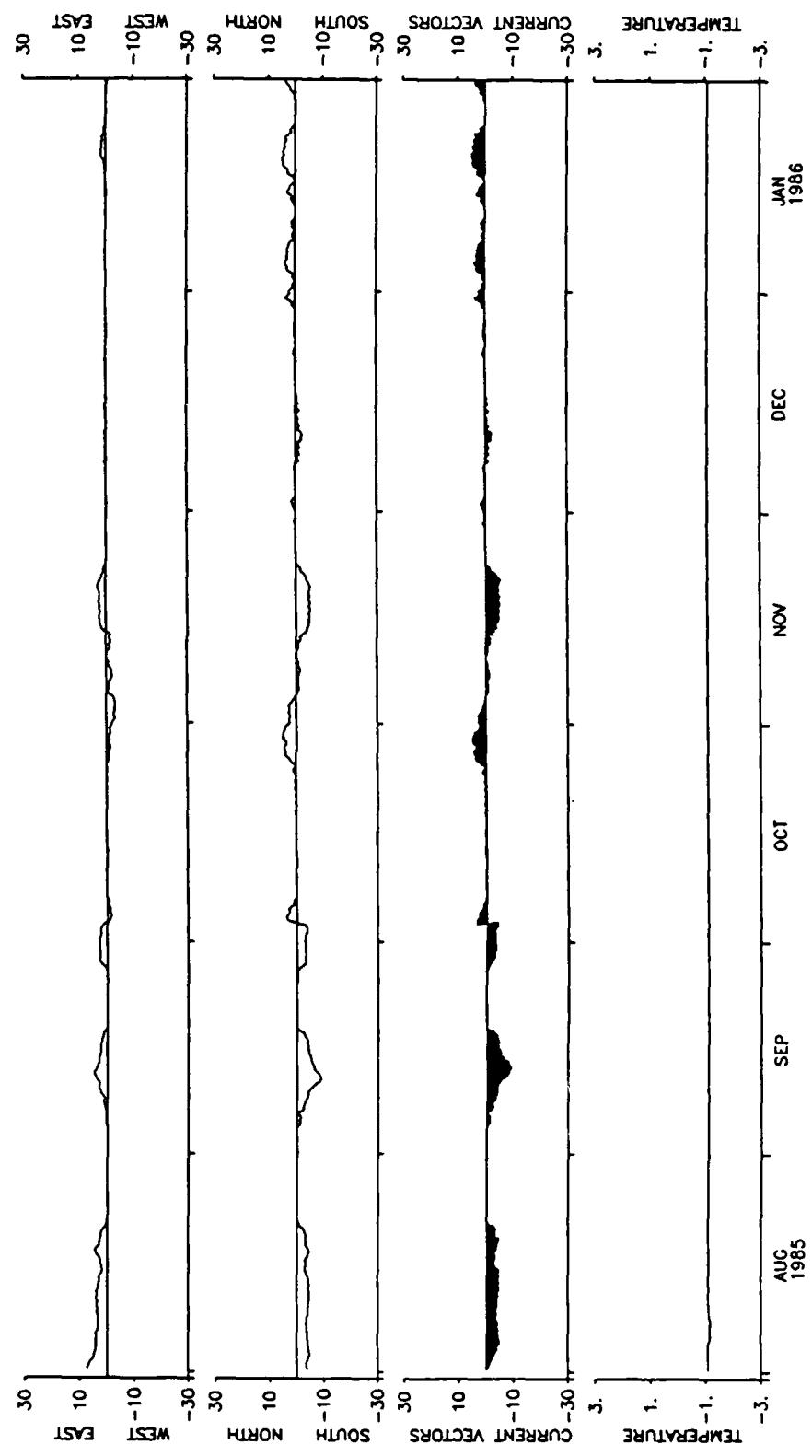
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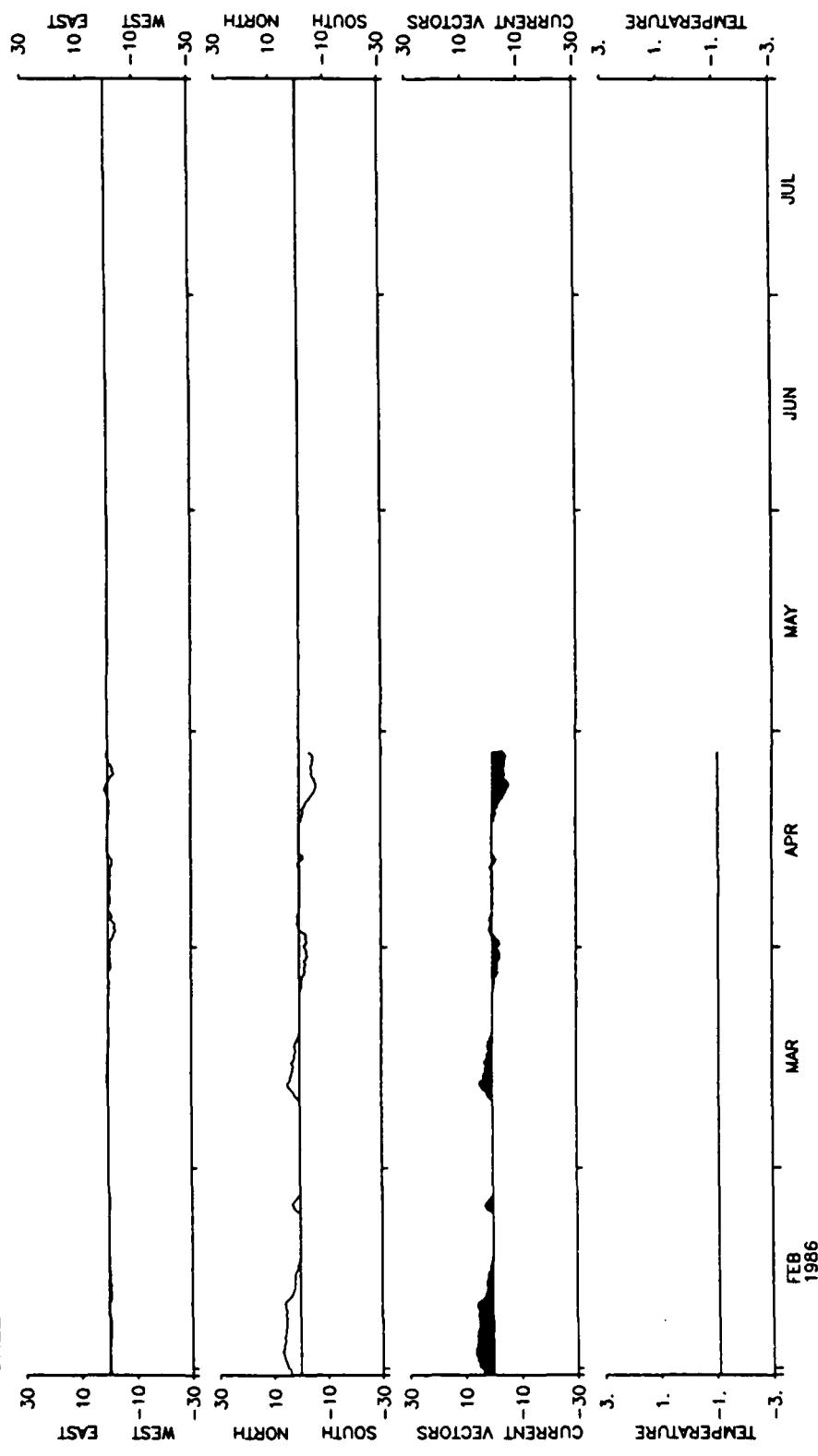
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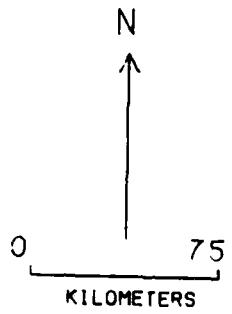
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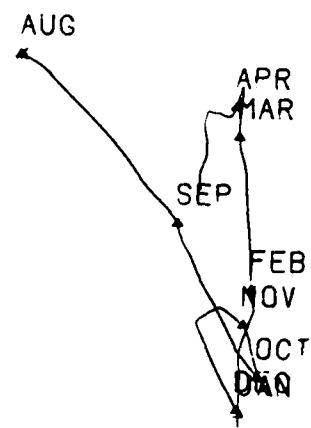
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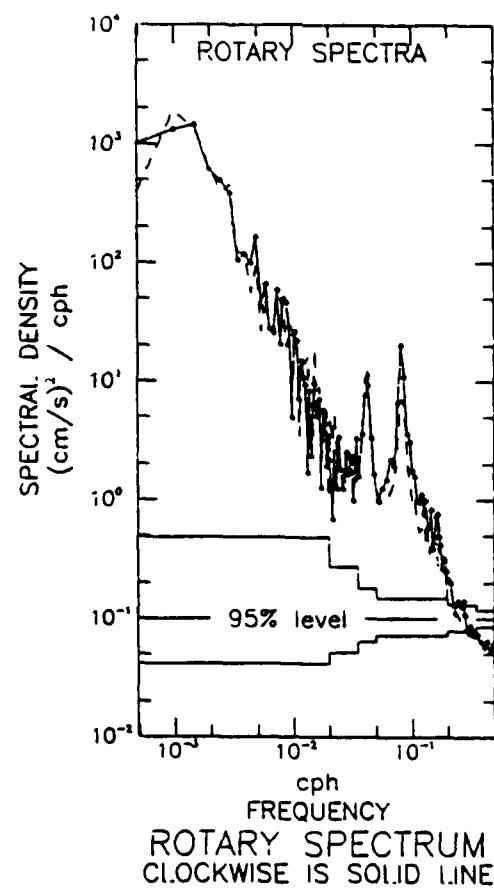
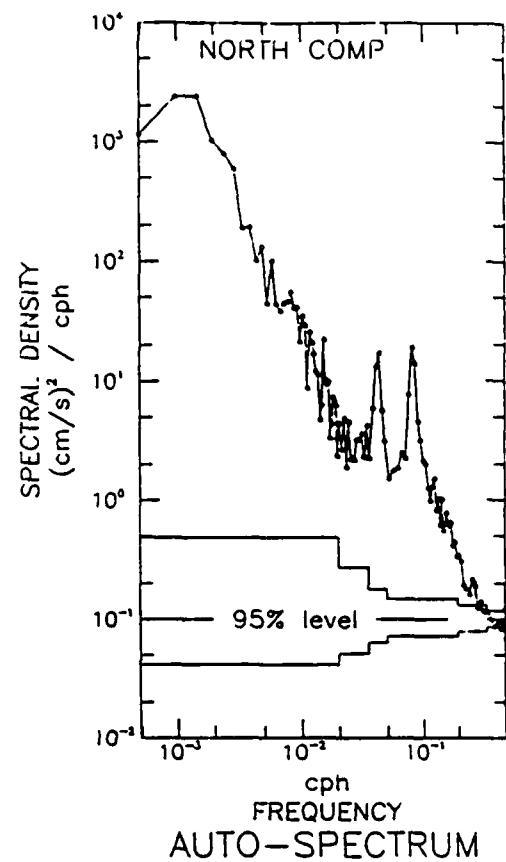
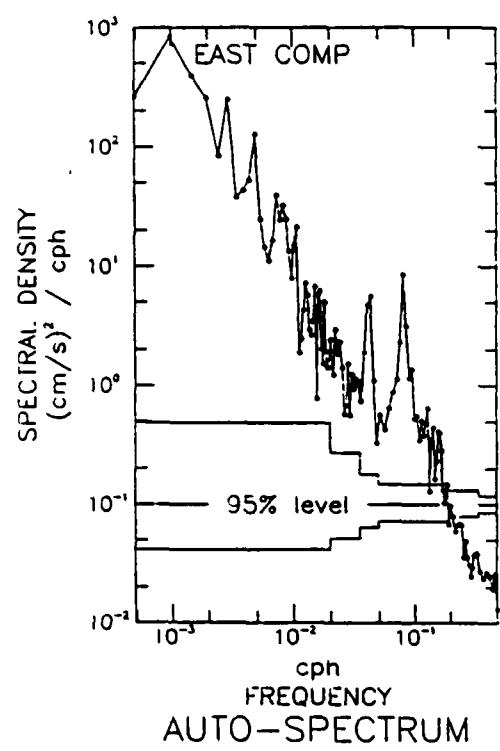




2752G
0 #M
85-VIII-01 TO 86- IV -27

GB-2, 2,923 m





2752
85-86

Current Meter 1484
and
Current Meter 1485

Greenland Basin

August 1, 1985 - April 16, 1986

74° 35'N

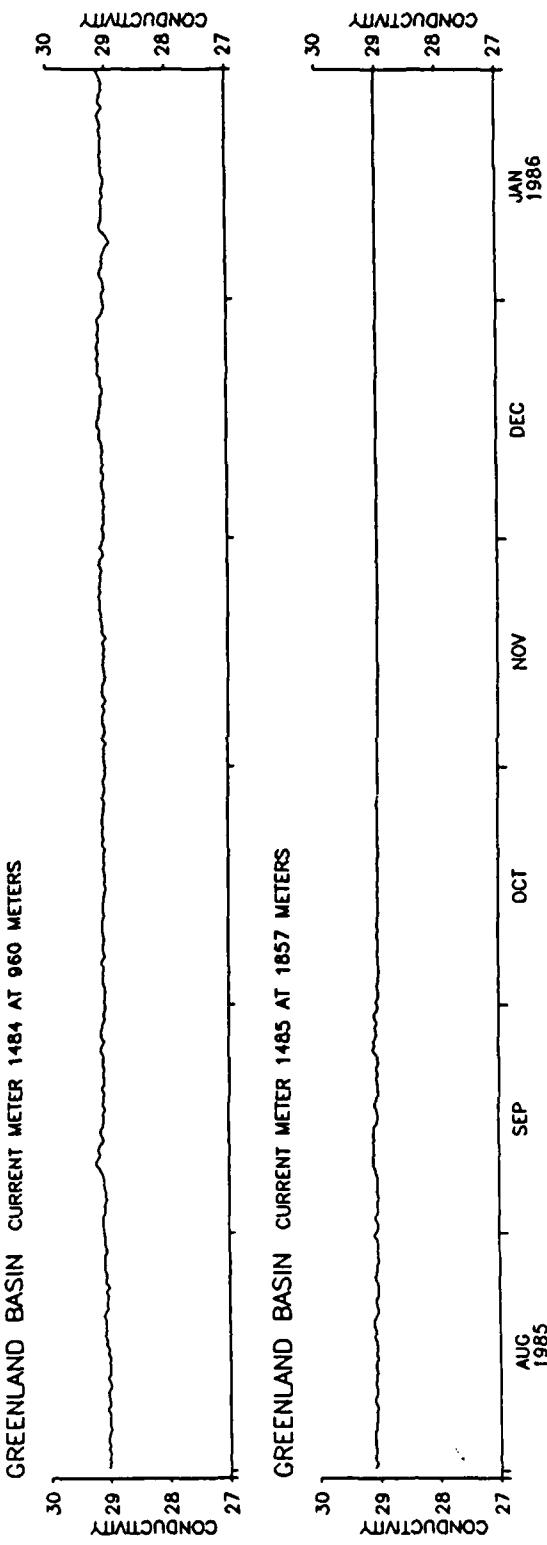
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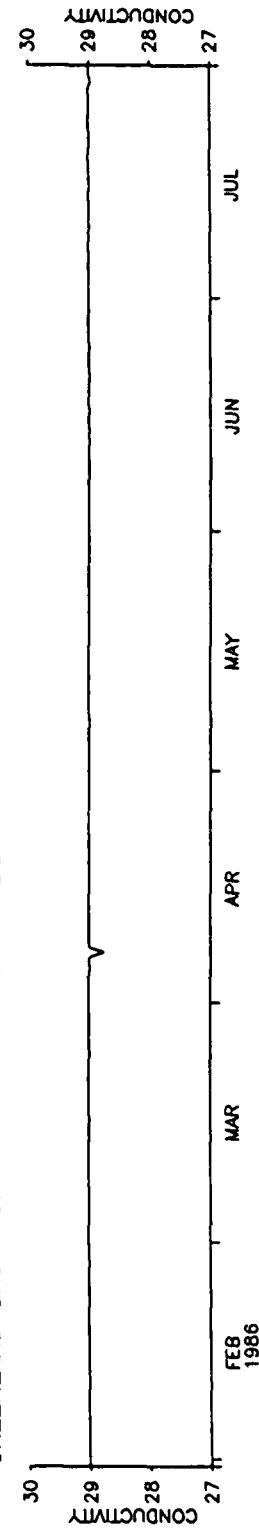
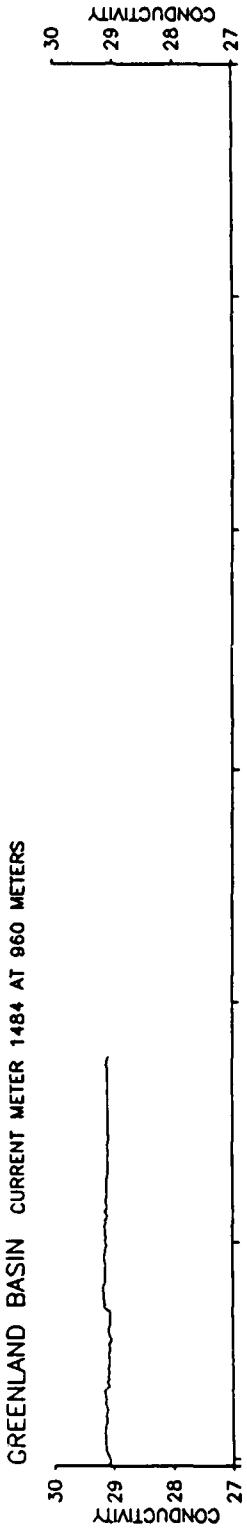
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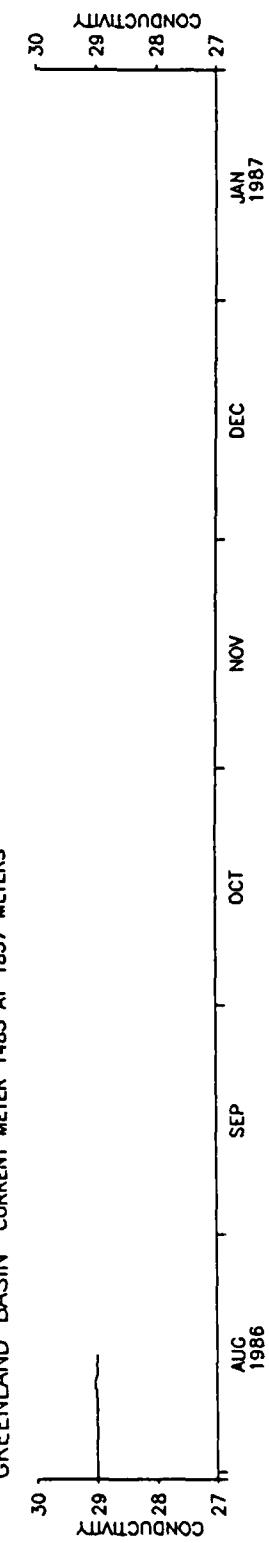
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Greenland Basin

1985 - 1986

Vector Diagram

Three-dimensional plots

August 1, 1985 - August 20, 1986

(960 m, #1484)

1,857 m, #1485

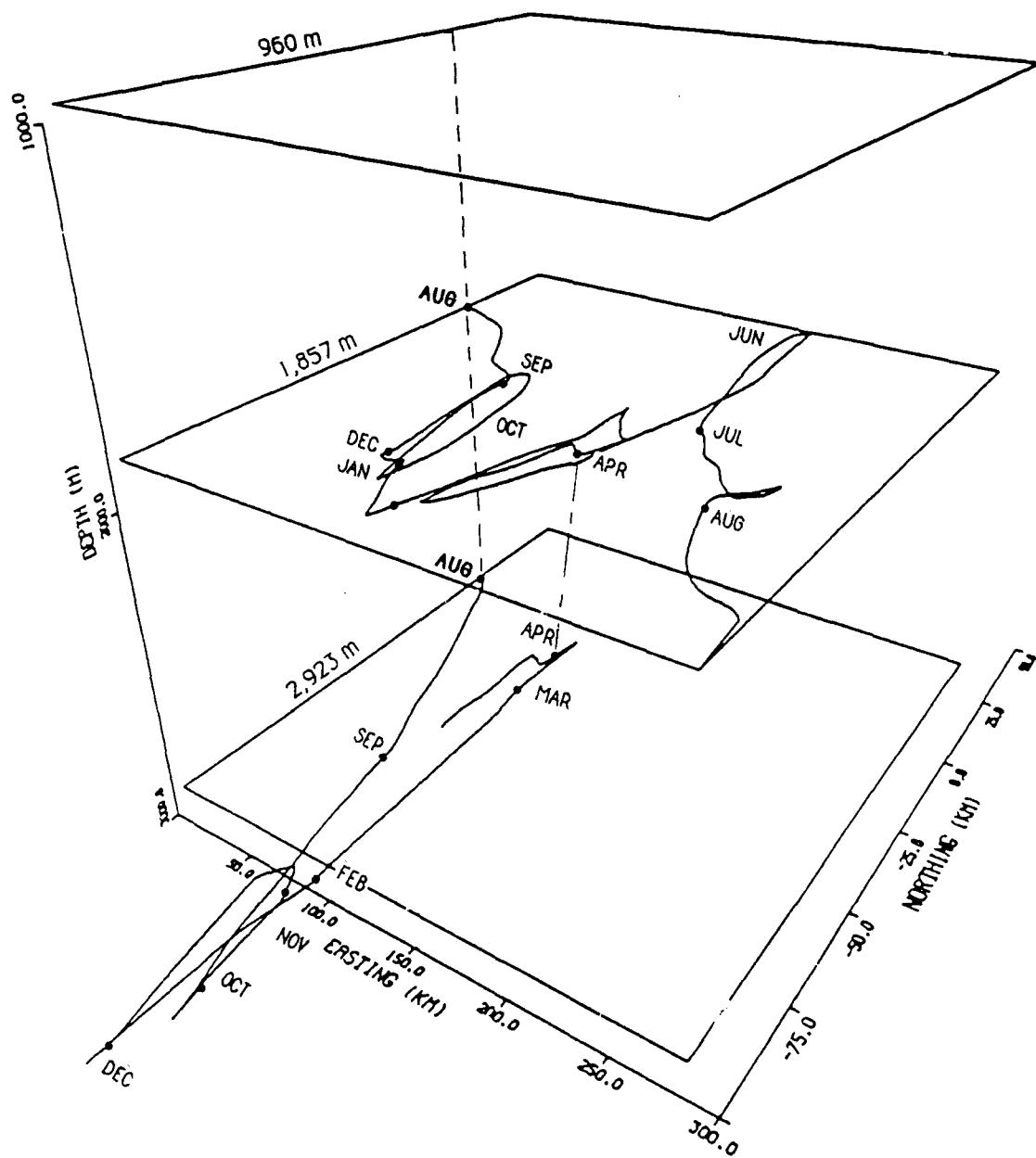
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VECTOR DIAGRAM
GREENLAND BASIN, GB-2

74 35' N, 06 43'W

AUGUST, 1985 - AUGUST 1986

Anchor depth: 3,445 m



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